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BOMB HOAXER AND ARSONIST JAILED

by Sue Austin

Paul Jones

AN ARSONIST who set fire to three Oswestry buildings because he wanted to go back to prison has been jailed for an indeterminate period.

Paul William Jones, who had become so institutionalised he could not cope with life outside prison, has been deemed a 'serious risk to the public' and will serve at least three-and-a-half years in jail.

He set fire to a derelict house, a heritage railway signal box and pushed burning paper through a letter box of a fitness club in Oswestry.

When he was not caught, the fire raiser made hoax bomb calls to shopping centres and organisations across Britain.

On Wednesday, Jones, 33, of Maple Avenue, Oswestry, was given an indeterminate jail sentence for public protection meaning he will only be released if a parole board feels it safe to free him.

Judge Niclas Parry sentencing at Caernarfon Crown Court ruled that Jones would have to serve at least three-and-a-half years before he could go before a parole board and would remain on licence for the rest of his life.

He also jailed him for six years for the bomb hoaxes, 12 months for possessing a kitchen knife in public and a further 12 months for attempting to pervert the course of justice. He admitted all the offences.

Attacked

Mr Paulinus Barnes said the arson attacks happened between February 27 and March 5. The detached house in Middleton Road had been left to the Severn Hospice by ex-teacher Miss Eileen George in her will.

About £500 damage was caused to the Zion Fitness Club when it was attacked about an hour after it closed and restoring the nearby signal box at the Cambrian Railway Trust will cost between £5,000 and £8,000, the court heard.

Mr Barnes said that all but one of the hoax bomb calls had been made on March 19 from phone boxes in Wrexham.

Shopping centres including Island Green in Wrexham had to be evacuated and calls were made to organisations including the BBC, the Elstree Film Studios and to Shrewsbury Probation Office.

Mr Steven Edwards, for Jones, said his client, who had six convictions for bomb hoaxes in 13 years, had Cerebral Palsy, and was bullied at school and as a young man.

"He says he cannot cope with life in the outside world and has because institutionalised. He committed the offences in order to go back to the safe world of prison," Mr Edwards said.

He said his client had written to several people including the judge telling the court to throw away the key.

Antiques valuation evening at castle

A TEAM of art experts is heading for Welshpool to hold an antiques valuation event at Powis Castle.

Fine arts director Jeremy Lamond will lead a team of four experts from Shrewsbury-based Halls who have agreed to hold the evening antiques valuation event on September 20.

A charge of £1 will be made for each item valued, with all the proceeds going towards conservation work at the famous National Trust property.

Mr Lamond is encouraging people living in the Welshpool area to search their attics and storerooms for forgotten treasures that might be worth a fortune. The experts will value ceramics, furniture, works of art, paintings, silver, toys, books, militaria, jewellery, coins, sporting items and textiles.

"In the past, we have discovered many valuable items in the Welshpool area that have been stored away."

The event will be staged in the Annexe at Powis Castle, where the restaurant will be selling refreshments and the shop will offering a 10 per cent discount on items for the night. Castle staff will also be on hand in the ballroom to give free advice on caring for antiques.

Tour of £10m site on offer

AN OPEN day on Saturday will show off Oswestry's £10 million leisure centre refurbishment.

The centre, which opened less than a year ago, has now undergone an extensive upgrade after the management of it was handed over to Serco.

It includes a new, 75-station fitness suite and a soon-to-be opened cafe, which was campaigned for by residents.

Residents are invited to attend the open day from 10am until 4pm to see the refurbishment first-hand.

Youth centre to open right on schedule

OSWESTRY'S purpose-built new youth centre will open on schedule next month.

Keys to The Centre, in Oak Street, have been handed over to Shropshire Council and staff are moving in this month ready to open in October.

Shropshire councillor Vince Hunt said: "We have worked closely with the community to ensure that the young people of Oswestry and the surrounding area will have a fantastic new centre which will give them a place of their own, the opportunity to take part in a range of activities and benefit from important information, advice and guidance.

"Local councillors have fully supported the project and young people have been at the heart of the plans, working extremely hard on this scheme. I am so pleased that they will be able to see their ideas come to life."

Staff from the council's Positive Activities, Information Advice & Guidance and Targeted Youth Support teams are moving into the building which will also house the St John Ambulance and Shropshire Youth Association.

The build was given a £2,115,877 grant by the Big Fund in April 2011, a grant of £470,000 from the Department for Education.

Paterson to head Defra

The newly-named Environment Secretary Owen Paterson leaves No 10 Downing Street.

FARMERS leaders and campaigners fighting plans which could see pylons built across Shropshire and Mid Wales countryside have welcomed MP Owen Paterson's appointment as the new Environment Secretary.

And Mr Paterson said his new cabinet post would give Shropshire 'a listening ear' in Westminster's corridors of power.

He takes over at the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs after PM David Cameron's reshuffle.

"I'm delighted to be moved to Defra and there are huge spin-offs for Shropshire with my family background and constituency background," he said.

"I look forward very much to working on all the issues facing the local economy. I have a constituency interest in getting these issues right." The North Shropshire MP is leaving his role as Northern Ireland Secretary, replacing Caroline Spelman at Defra.

John Mercer, NFU regional director, said: "I'm delighted to hear of Owen Paterson's appointment to the post. He is well known and respected by Shropshire farmers and I speak for them when I wish him well in his new ministerial appointment."

Campaigners opposed to plans by National Grid to link Mid Wales wind farms to the power network in Shropshire have also welcomed Mr Paterson's promotion and said they looked forward to increased help from Mr Paterson in his new role.

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Biomass planning decision delayed

PLANS for a biomass burner to save energy costs at a factory near Oswestry have been deferred while councillors visit one already in action.

Concerns have been raised about the size of the 32MW plant proposed for the Kronospan MDF factory at Chirk, the increase in noise and dust and the effect on the tourism economy.

Now Wrexham County Borough Council has put on hold its decision on whether to grant planning permission for the plant so that councillors can look at a scale model and visit another biomass burner at Shotton on Deeside.

Chirk councillors Ian Roberts and Terry Evans said the plant could have a huge effect.

Despite its closeness to the Llangollen Canal World Heritage site and Chirk Castle, neither the Canal and River Trust nor the National Trust have raised any objections, although the former said: "The development will have a significant visual impact but will be viewed against the context of the existing industrial plant."

A report to the planning meeting of Wrexham County Borough Council said that the installation of the burner would create 12 jobs, help secure the future of the site for its 600 employees and in turn 2,500 people indirectly employed by its operations, whilst providing a number of environmental benefits."

Major step for railway

THE development of a heritage railway for Oswestry will take a major step forward this weekend with the official opening of a newly built station.

The opening of Cambrian Heritage Railways' Pen Y Garreg Halt on Saturday will be carried out by Shropshire councillor Arthur Walpole. The building will tie in with the nearby Montgomery Canal, also being restored.

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Festival-goers had fun time messing about on the river

by Graham Breeze

A LEADING figure from the Canal & River Trust opened Maesbury's annual Canal Festival on Saturday.

The event was opened by Jim Forrester, chairman of the new North Wales and Borders Waterway Partnership of the Canal and River Trust.

Mr Forrester was a boat-builder on the canals and went on to work with a number of heritage and conservation organisations, most recently as director at Imperial War Museum North in Manchester.

He joined High Sheriff of Shropshire John Abram and other dignitaries on the new horse-drawn trip boat Duchess of Maesbury.

People were able to enjoy a sedate cruise when the village's third annual canal festival was held at the weekend, raising awareness of the work being done to restore sections of the Montgomery Canal.

Rides

Festival organisers were pleased that the new miniature railway at Canal Central was able to run for the festival.

The 10 and a quarter inch gauge Canadian Pacific engine No 1941 was giving rides to visitors on the track running round the festival site.

Boats arrived from the East Midlands, West Midlands and the North-West, and there was the biggest selection of crafts and sales stands yet.

There were competitions for dogs, young anglers and people making gurning faces as well as a wide selection of demonstrations, entertainments and children's activities.

The festival was organised by Friends of the Montgomery Canal and the Shrewsbury, District and North Wales branch of the Inland Waterways Association.

Giving a wave from her canal boat is Mary Antcliff from Chirk. *Pictures: Simon Williams.*

Clair Butler in the newly-refurbished last horse-drawn Shropshire Union Canal Fly Boat called Saturn.

Fred Hertage flying the flags on his boat Straw Bear during the festival.

Kevan Manley, from Whitchurch, working on his canal boat called Buckingham during the Maesbury Canal Festival.

Store staff back relay fundraiser

STAFF at Oswestry's O2 store were out supporting an Olympic-style baton relay yesterday, Wednesday.

The firm has organised for a baton to be passed between more than 100 stores in 116 towns across the UK to raise £100,000 to support community action initiatives.

The Tour de O2, as it has been named, started in Northern Ireland in July and will finish in London on October 26.

Staff members have been carrying the 02 Think Big baton from store to store in a number of ways including scooter, on foot, by boat and even by donkey.

The baton arrived in Oswestry from Wrexham on Wednesday and was delivered to the Wilmslow store 63 miles away today.

Staff at the Oswestry store hosted a fun day at the shop on Wednesday.

Shed fire callout

FIREFIGHTERS were called after a blaze broke out in a brick shed in the early hours of Tuesday morning. The fire was spotted in Swan Lane at 12.23am and crews from Oswestry quickly got it under control.

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Paterson tackles new role with talks over trains link

by Graham Breeze

Owen Paterson

NEWLY-promoted Environment Secretary Owen Paterson has pledged to put Shropshire right at the heart of his new job - and immediately took up the fight for a direct rail link with London.

The 56-year-old North Shropshire Conservative MP was promoted on Tuesday by Prime Minister David Cameron to run the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs after two years as Northern Ireland Secretary.

And within minutes of being told the news, Mr Paterson was meeting rail bosses and campaigners to press the case for Shropshire to get a direct rail link to the capital as quickly as possible.

Mr Paterson – North Shropshire MP since 1997 – said his new role could bring clear benefits for the county on key regional issues like pylons, farming and rail services and put Shropshire's rural issues right at the heart of Government.

He said: "I'm delighted to be moved to Defra and there are huge spin offs for north Shropshire with my family background and constituency background.

"I look forward very much to working on all the issues facing the local economy. I have a constituency interest in getting these issues right."

He added that after learning his fate at Number 10 he went for fresh talks to support efforts to restore Shropshire's direct rail link to London.

Doubt

First Group had promised to restore the link by 2016 when it won the West Coast Main Line contract, but that is now in doubt after current operator Virgin launched a legal challenge against the decision.

Mr Paterson, who is married with two sons and a daughter, said: "Local MPs are united on this issue and we've been having regular meetings with the bidders and we were delighted that First Group pledged to put in a Shropshire rail link from 2016, so Virgin's judicial review is just a tiresome delay."

Mr Paterson's wife Rose said she understood that part of her husband's remit in his new job would be to help the rural economy, which she said would be positive for Shropshire.

Mr Cameron's reshuffle yesterday saw Mr Paterson replace Caroline Spelman and also claimed the scalps of political heavyweights including Ken Clarke.

Meanwhile, Theresa Villiers has replaced Mr Paterson as Northern Ireland Secretary.

Drop-in surgery for lake queries

INFORMATION is on the way for residents concerned about the sale of the Lake Vyrnwy estate.

Residents feel they have been left 'high and dry' by Severn Trent Water over the progress of the sale but now a drop-in surgery is planned to keep them informed.

Severn Trent Water wants to sell the estate's 125-year lease, excluding the lake, and it has been divided up for a number of bidders.

People in the area and near-by village of Llanwddyn say they have been left in the dark about information over the area's future.

But a spokesman for Severn Trent said the company intends to hold an information drop in surgery soon.

The spokesman said: "We fully intend to hold a drop-in surgery so residents can come and talk to us. At the moment we are waiting to get to the stage of the project where we can do that. We will keep residents informed."

Darren Mayor, county councillor for Llanwddyn, Llangynog and Penybontfawr, said the water company should hold the sessions whether they had new information or not.

"There needs to be clear consultation," he said. "I welcome the fact about this drop-in session. What the residents want is somebody to talk to. Residents feel high and dry at the moment

Ramblers next walks swapped

THE next two walks with the Welshpool Ramblers have been swapped.

Julian Laidler will now lead a Llangollen area walk on Sunday starting at 10.30am from the entrance to Llangollen Market Street car park – meet at 9.30am in Church Street car park, Welshpool – contact 0161 864 3648.

You must bury power cables, say councillors

COUNCILLORS have told a power company new electricity lines must go underground.

SP Manweb is to run its second north-to-south line from Wrexham to Oswestry to safeguard power supplies to mid Wales.

The proposal to build 13 miles of pylons between the towns' substations was defeated three years ago after a cross-border campaign by protesters who feared it would destroy the countryside and tourist trade.

But the power firm has now lodged revised plans and the new proposal will be decided at a three-week public inquiry, starting on November 13.

The line would cross the border in the Ceiriog valley and then skirt St Martins before ending at Oswestry.

This week, both Oswestry Town Council and Wrexham Borough Council restated their objections to the power line. Both said at the very least certain sections should go underground.

Oswestry town councillors on Monday welcomed news SP Manweb was proposing to put the last few hundred metres of line before it reaches the Oswestry substation underground.

But Councillor Betty Gull said tourism in the borderland could be damaged if the rest of the route was overhead. "We should support our neighbours and continue to object," she said. "This could affect the north Shropshire and borderland tourism bid."

Wrexham planning chiefs said as long as the line was buried underground as it passed through part of the Ceiriog Valley near Oswestry, the proposal would be acceptable

New look for Marches School

With the school's new sign is Head Teacher Sarah Longville and Town Mayor councillor Martin Bennett, back, with pupils Justin Baker, 12, front left and Autumn Cass, 14. *Picture: Ian Sheppard.*

STUDENTS in Oswestry have a new-look school and uniform

The Marches School, in Morda Road, has a new logo, signs, website, prospectus, stationery and uniform to celebrate being granted academy status last August.

When youngsters started back on Tuesday they were in new uniforms in red and silver, replacing the former blue and red.

It is hoped that re-designed signs will help the school win the Safer School's Accreditation.

The Marches School will still keep its name as 'tribute to the innovative and ground breaking work achieved over the past few decades'.

Head teacher Sarah Longville said: "We are a confident, forward thinking school with many talented people.

"Following much consultation with students, parents and staff, we set about the task of re-designing the school logo, uniform, PE kit, signage, website, prospectus and stationery. I am so proud of this school."

NEWS in brief

Macmillan group bags £960 from store collection

MEMBERS of the Oswestry group of Macmillan Cancer Care raised £963 in a collection in the Sainsbury's store in the town.

Margery James, chairman, thanked the management of Sainsbury's for allowing the collection and the customers for their support.

The group was recently given a donation of £383, raised by 16-year-old Morgan Nicholson and her friend 14-year-old Eden Daniel. They organised a sponsored 20-mile ride on their horses, Star and Gwynn, in and around the Ceiriog Valley.

On September 14 there will be a charity stall on the Bailey Head in Oswestry when volunteers will be giving out information and dates of future events.

The charity's World's Greatest Coffee morning is to be held on September 28 with the group holding its event at the Wynnstay Hotel.

U3A meeting had talk about park

THE next meeting of Welshpool and District University of the Third Age is on October 2.

The meeting will be held at Church House, Church Street at 10.30am, with doors opening at 9.45am for tea and coffee.

The September meeting saw Huw Jenkins of Natur Cymru give a talk about Snowdonia's twin National Park, Triglav in Slovenia.

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Plea for donors

THE National Blood Service will be visiting Welshpool on Thursday at the Town Hall between 2pm-4pm or 5.30pm-7.30pm. Donors are urgently needed between the ages of 17 and 60.

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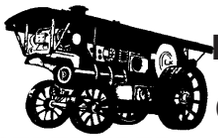
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Tense wait for decision from market competition judges

OFFICIALS in Oswestry are keeping their fingers crossed to see if they win the Market Initiative of the Year award later this month.

David Clough, Oswestry Town Council's market manager, has entered Powis Hall on Bailey Head into the National Association Of British Market Authorities 2012 Market Awards. He hopes the town council will scoop the title after the hall underwent a number of changes over the year and introduced new ideas to help give it a boost.

In the application he revealed future plans for the building, including teardrop flags at the entrance of the outdoor market, if a grant could be secured. Mr Clough also included news about the new lift and wi-fi being installed into Powis Hall to help business and visitors, plus the many events put on associated with the market.

He wrote: "A wide and varied portfolio of events has been created at the market area.

"Often these are family themed and many include live music and competitions with market vouchers to be won. These events are often inexpensive to hold and are probably a more effective way of advertising the market."

He added: "Improving the outdoor market trader numbers is a tough task and we still have a long way to go but we are currently launching a trader campaign designed to attract traders back to the market and to attract new ones.

"Continuing with the 'stalls for a tenner' initiative we now heavily promote this, not only aiming at established traders but attempting to attract people who have just been made redundant or who are local and have a hobby which they can retail at our market.

"This has already seen some success. Every help has been given to support new traders and we have teamed up with local schools and colleges and other organisations to encourage further uses of the market, particularly the young."

Winners will be announced the annual conference of the NABMA which takes place from September 16-18 in Harrogate.

by Graham Breeze

Cafe puts life back in town

A NEW cafe called Scotty's opens in Market Gate. Oswestry, on Saturday.

Christine and Randolph Scott, along with the support of their children, are transforming an empty building – a former fruit and vegetable shop and more recently a cafe – into a place for people to eat and drink.

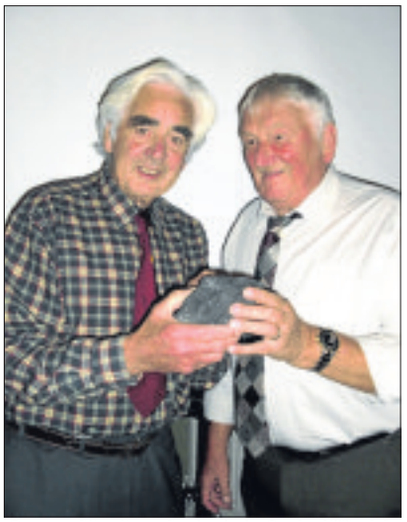
The Gobowen couple were concerned to see so many businesses leaving the town that they decided to do something about it.

Samantha Scott, the owners' daughter, said: "It's a great opportunity to show the people of Oswestry that businesses do want to open here and that they don't want the town to turn into a ghost town with no shops.

"It feels like a lot of businesses in Oswestry have given up and there are many empty shops."

Breakfast will be served from 8-30am and the cafe will be open until 5.30pm. Their daughter runs the business Cupcake Crazy and will be supplying the cakes for them.

Coal mining history revealed


Oswestry historian and archeologist Gordon Hillier, left, shows a lump of Coed-y-Go coal to Oswestry 41 Club President Dave Mathews, at last week's Swenney Hall Hotel dinner.

OSWESTRY'S illustrious but little known history as an important coal producing area was spelled out to members of Oswestry 41 Club members at their Sweeney Hall Hotel meeting last Thursday.

Archeologist Gordon Hillier of High Lea, Oswestry, revealed a host of long forgotten coalfields, from Morda up to Offa's Dyke at Trefonen, telling members it was a hive of industry from 1750 to 1890.

But he emphasised the main area of production was west of the Morda to Trefonen road at Coed-y-Go where a tram would run under the stone bridge still alongside the present Brook House residential home, to the Shropshire Union Canal at Crickheath wharf.

Aerial photography helped identify mines, including those stretching up towards Candy and along Penylan Lane.

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Playing field saved by big village campaign

by Graham Breeze

Councillor David Lloyd

A VILLAGE playing field has been saved for residents forever, thanks to a huge fundraising and improvement project by the community.

The Trefonen playing field, near Oswestry, has been designated official Fields in Trust and renamed the Queen Elizabeth the Second Jubilee Field.

News of the change was revealed at the launch of the improved outdoor facility and village hall at the weekend. Over the past two year most organisations in the area have held events to raise funds for the project and the village won grants to boost the funds.

The village hall has been refurbished but much of the work has been outside.

Where footballers once played on a sloping pitch the ground has been drained and levelled and a trim trail, funded by the Hilton Jones Trust, has been installed.

Wildlife areas have been planted and to make the heritage of the area, the former coal pit mound has become the centre for sculptures and information boards.

At the launch, Shropshire councillor, David Lloyd, praised the community. He said: "By working together and in partnership with others you have demonstrated in the most positive and practical way how such effort can be harnessed for the greater good of the community.

"Such has been the commitment of this community to pulling together, that two years ago the council suggested that it should recognise everyone's efforts by applying for a change in status for the playing field. The Fields in Trust has designated it as the Trefonen Queen Elizabeth the Second Jubilee Field, ensuring that in perpetuity this will be a community open space."

The venture has included Trefonen Primary School which will be using the playing fields, both for sport and for wildlife studies.

Having fun on the new slide are 19-year-old Samantha Jennings with her two-year-old cousin Max Pritchard, from Oswestry. Pictures: Simon Williams.

Shop hosts course to help find your faith

A FAITH finding course will be run at a coffee shop in Oswestry town centre and will start in the next few weeks.

Members of Carreg Llwyd Church in Oswestry, will be using the coffee shop Caffe Milano in Old Chapel Court, off English Walls, for the ten-week Alpha course which will start on October 4 at 7pm.

The course, which is used by all the major denominations in 163 countries throughout the world, began at Holy Trinity Church in Brompton, central London, in the late 1970s, and its popularity has spread throughout the world. This year more than 33,500 courses have been organised worldwide.

Derek Hughes, church leader, said: "We are increasingly finding that people are keen to find places where they can discuss and explore questions of what life is all about. In our experience Alpha is ideal for that."

For more information contact *vj@carregllwyd.co.uk*

Advice offered to avoid debt

A NEW group in Oswestry is organising a money management course to help people gain budgeting skills to avoid them getting into debt.

The three-session course will be run in September and October in Caffe Milano in Chapel Court off English Walls, hosted by PurpleFish, a new local initiative which organises a variety of events to explore different areas of life.

The free course, which will be held from 7pm to 9pm on September 27, October 4 and October 18 has been devised by debt counselling charity Christians Against Poverty.

V.J. Lonsdale, of Purple Fish, said: "In the present economic climate many people are finding it difficult to organise their finances and this course will help them to stay debt-free."

E-mail *vj@carregllwyd.co.uk*, call 07964 726407 or visit *www.purplefish.org.uk*

Robbie tribute

A ROBBIE Williams tribute act will perform in Mid Wales next month. Mike Andrew is on at Banw Community Centre, Llangadfan, near Llanfair Caereinion, on October 13 at 7.30pm.

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Thousands enjoy what's on the menu at Food Festival

Tracey Langford, from Tracey Cakes based in Meifod.

Nick Lipson from The Best of Taste Company based in Treflach.

Tim Roberts and Hannah Davies from Su Casa Cuisine in Oswestry. *Pictures: Simon Williams.*

Tanya Fanning, from The Little Round Cake Company based in Shrewsbury.

People gather to see what's on offer at the event.

THOUSANDS of food-lovers devoured Mid Wales' tastiest culinary treats at the Welsh Food Festival over the weekend.

by Graham Breeze

The festival, now in its seventh year, was held in the grounds of Glansevern Hall Gardens and attracted a record number of stalls filled with food, drink and countryside goodies for all the family to enjoy.

Bernard Harris, chairman of the festival, said there was a special "buzz" at this year's event. "The combination of excellent produce, sunshine and additional activities for children made this year's festival a wonderful event for all the family.

"The setting at Glansevern Hall Gardens creates such an amazing experience for visitors that it is no wonder that everyone says how wonderful it all is." The festival included a new rural lifestyle and country living area which proved a success along with donkey rides for children.

TV cameras were present on Saturday as they followed chef Dudley Newbury, who chatted with the festival's organisers and visitors about his new cookery series which will be shown in the Autumn on S4C.

The Welsh Food Festival is sponsored by Glansevern Hall Gardens, Tanners, Pickstock Fuels, Wynnstay Group Plc, Harrisons Solicitors, Country and Border Life, South Caernarfon Creameries, The Co-operative membership, Exwavia, Potters Recycling, Whittingham Riddell LLP and the Welsh Assembly Government.

Glansevern Hall is currently for sale, but the Welsh Food Festival committee and especially the Thomas family, who own the property, say it will continue as an annual event.

Offer for budding business owners

YOUNG entrepreneurs will be given a £10,000 helping hand in Oswestry.

The Shropshire Enterprise Partnership is proposing to launch a Start up Club in the town to encourage those under the age of 24 to set up their own enterprises.

Oswestry town councillors last night welcomed the move and said the club could meet in the Guildhall.

Project director Fay Easton plans to create 'entrepreneurial mindsets' in young people in the Oswestry area.

She said the aim was to provide access to funding, ideas storming, business plan development and mentoring to help those wanting to start in the world of business.

There would also be a monthly business club which would set a target of creating 25 new businesses in the first year.

Councillors agreed the base for the programme could be the Guildhall.

Councillor Betty Gull said it was a wonderful idea. "We used to have a business support centre at Mile End which was very helpful and brought results," she said.

"It is good news the Shropshire Enterprise Partnership wants to work with us and says it is keen to work with our markets manager. This could bring benefits for our market."

Council to launch new-look website

OSWESTRY Town Council's new website should be online later this month.

Councillors were last night given a 'guided tour' of the internet site that has been created by the Trimast company.

Some said they hoped the site could include a way to help local people find their way through the Shropshire planning application portal.

Councillor Betty Gull said: "I find it very confusing looking for the planning applications on the Shropshire Council website. We should make it easier for people through our website."

The mayor, Councillor Martin Bennett, said it was something that could be considered.

He said it was important that the site was kept fresh and modern.

"The current website was tired and outdated. We do not want people to say in a couple of years time that our website is old-fashioned."

Mr Rob Picken from Trimast said websites needed to be updated technically every six months and this would be done with the town council site.

"If all goes well the site could go live in a couple of weeks," he said.

Councillor Paul Milner said it was a vast improvement on the old site.

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Start of sculpture trail is unveiled

THE first of five unique sculptures celebrating aspects of North Shropshire's industrial past will be unveiled on Saturday.

The Canal Etchings Trail will be launched when Mid Wales writer and broadcaster Mavis Nicholson unveils the first of the sculptures at Llanymynech Wharf Visitor Centre near Oswestry.

The trail has been commissioned by Ellesmere Sculpture Initiative and has been created by sculptor Jason Hicklin.

Five unique sculptures will be situated alongside the canal at Llanymynech, Lower Frankton, Ellesmere Wharf, the mere at Ellesmere and Gledrid near Oswestry, the gateway to the nearby World Heritage Site.

Mavis Nicholson has been a familiar face and voice on TV and radio since the early 1970s. At the opening there will be an opportunity to meet Jason Hicklin and there will be music by a local group and guided walk.

Mr Hicklin is a renowned etcher and works at his studio in Shropshire and in his gallery in London.

The etcher said the work had been a new process, taking his etchings out of the studio into the landscape.

The sculptures have been produced in zinc and the aim is to create a stunning and dramatic effect.

Businesses rally round to keep Responders on road

Ready for action is the latest CFR vehicle, based in St Martins, with local Community First Responders Effie Cadwallader, Kerry Llywarch and John Roberts.

Handing over a cheque for £750 to Community First Responder John Roberts are Shin Miah, left, and Luthfur Rahman of the Simla Restaurant.

COMMUNITY First Responders in the Oswestry area have been given help from local businesses to keep them on the road.

by Graham Breeze

The St Martins Community First Responders have taken delivery of a replacement scheme car which they say is invaluable in helping them reach those in medical need quickly while an ambulance is on the way.

The three first responders, John Roberts, Effie Cadwallader and Kerry Llywarch say they have no blue lights or sirens on the vehicle but say the high profile car is easy to spot and ask other motorists to allow them easy passage on their way to an emergency.

Mr Roberts, one of Shropshire's original first responders said Stans Superstore, St Martins, was instrumental in helping to buy the first vehicle, a Vauxhall Astra, which Castle Garage, also of St Martins, maintained for several months.

"When the time came to find a replacement Furrows of Oswestry leaned over backwards to locate and prepare a Skoda Fabia ready for responding to 999 calls in the area. Scotprint, also of Oswestry, made short work of fitting all the decals and other livery, and we have now taken delivery of our new car," he said.

"We have no blue lights or sirens, of course but if the headlights are showing in daytime we are on our way to a 999 call. We won't be breaking any rules of the road but please help us by allowing us easy passage and access." The Oswestry and District group also owns a car in Oswestry which was recently given help by the Miah family of the Simla Restaurant, Beatrice Street, Oswestry. Owner George organised a quiz night at the restaurant and donated the proceeds, £750, to help towards the running costs of the car. The Charlotte Hartey Foundation helped get the car on the road.

Community First Responders are highly trained volunteers working with the West Midlands Ambulance Service who can reach an emergency quickly.

NEWS in brief

Daleks roll in for model exhibition

DOCTOR Who fans will get to meet miniature Daleks and a K-9 in Ellesmere at a special event this weekend.

Models of the TV characters will be among those on display at the annual model exhibition at Ellesmere Town Hall.

There will also be Gerry Anderson's Thunderbirds, Stingray, Space 1999 and UFO as well as model railways and John Tims' well-known layout of Ellesmere.

The Group of Ellesmere Modellers will host the event on Saturday and Sunday. Entry is free from 10.30am to 4pm.

E-mail *dalekdavesaunders@gmail.com*

Hospice prize winners revealed

A SUPPORTER of The Hope House Children's Hospice from the Ellesmere area is £1,000 richer after winning the top prize in the monthly hospice draw.

The £100 prize went to a ticketholder in Bethesda in North Wales, the £50 prizes to people who live in Corwen and St Asaph and the £25 prizes to supporters in Minsterley and Colwyn Bay.

Shop celebrates

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Necessary repairs to town hall come at a cost

THE centre of Welshpool has been dominated by the imposing Town Hall for generations but now the town faces a £200,000 bill to repair the decaying building.

The costs of emergency repairs are soaring. Already the planned £85,000 renovation scheme costs have shot up to £200,000.

Propaganda from the council chamber tells us not to worry about the costs as taxpayers will not be affected. The money we are told will come from Severn Valley Built Heritage Fund and the controversial Burgess Lands Trust fund.

Well pardon me for questioning that one – although the improvements might not lead to an increase in tax if the money is taken out of the Burgess Trust pool aren't we paying in a different way.

The Burgess Land Trust dates from 1761 when it was set up by an act of Parliament and is run as a charity with Welshpool Town

Council acting as trustee. Interest from the substantial investment has been used sparingly over the years for projects in the town but recently it appears money has been drawn down more often.

That means that despite the fact that the sale of land on Red Bank for building projects has boosted the fund the total investment must be falling and doesn't that mean less interest.

So, whichever way you look at it, someone is having to pay for the Town Hall restoration – the money isn't just appearing out of thin air. And ultimately it will be the town's tax payers – oh that's me!

By the way the council needs to spend another £100,000 next year on a heating system.

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NORTH Shropshire MP Owen Paterson's reputation is right on the line now that he has been named as the new Environment Secretary.

The 56-year-old was promoted on Tuesday by Prime Minister David Cameron to run the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs after two years as Northern Ireland Secretary.

He has pledged to put Shropshire right at the heart of his new job – and immediately took up the fight for a direct rail link with London.

That's an easy one because everyone knows it makes sense for the service to reach Gobowen but the bigger issue on his agenda will be the highly controversial pylon plan, destined to ravage the Shropshire & Mid Wales countryside.

The new Environment Secretary will be a sitting target because as MP for North Shropshire, he has spoken against plans to expand output from Welsh wind farms because of the impact of pylons on the landscape. If he wavers from that stance in his new role the public will be quick to let him know their feelings.

Mr Paterson faced major challenges in Ireland but he may yet find that the issues closer to home will be harder to resolve.

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DO YOU believe that Llanfair Caereinion Show enjoyed a fly-past by the famous Red Arrows on Saturday? Well I didn't – but it really happened.

But spare a thought for hard working show secretary Liz Harding who had just ducked into the main marquee and missed the whole thing. In fact no-one even mentioned it to her afterwards.

Rainy summer expected to destroy honey harvest

There has been very little in the way of nectar for the bees and this year.

It has been a dreadful summer for the area's bees.

Shropshire's bee population will need nursing through the winter.

SHROPSHIRE'S bee population – hit hard by the dreadful summer – will need nursing through the winter and next year if it is to survive, an expert has warned.

Oswestry beekeeper Tony Gray is so worried about the future for the honey bee that he is giving out free flower seeds and posters at his Fragile Planet business in Oswestry.

As well as selling supplies for beekeepers, Mr Gray has 150 bee hives across the Oswestry area.

by Sue Austin

"Usually I would expect a yield of 1,000lbs of honey from the hives," he said. "This year we will be lucky if we get 150lbs – there is hardly any honey out there."

He said he and other beekeepers had been forced to feed their bees throughout the summer, supplementing the nectar they get from flowers with sugar.

"The lack of sun and too much rain has meant that plants have just produced lots of green vegetation and not much in the way of flowers," Mr Gray said. "There has been very little in the way of nectar for the bees and I have been feeding them all year."

He said he would have to continue to feed them throughout the winter if they were to survive.

Mr Gray said: "The summer has been a bit of a disaster and Fragile Planet is now urging beekeepers and the public to help the future of the honey bee.

"They can help by grown lots of flowers and flowering herbs in their gardens. Single, simple flowers are the best, things like lavender for instance.

And herbs including mint are great when they flower."

"We have a limited amount of flower seeds at Fragile Plant that people can collect to grow in their gardens."

As well as the honey bee, the wild bee population has also been affected.

Sarah Gibson, spokeswoman for Shropshire Wildlife Trust, said: "It's true it has been a rotten summer for bees – wild ones as well as honey bees. People can help by planting bee-friendly plants in their gardens, so that when the sun does shine, this year or next, bees have something to eat."

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Council tax now needs a radical change

MARGARET Thatcher's poll tax was far fairer than the council tax imposed on us all today, which has changed dramatically, since the days of Lord Lamont, who was then the Chancellor for the Conservatives.

Having applied for a reassessment of the valuation of my property, the valuation officer was quite open and frank and, had it been left in his hands, then the banding would have been lowered.

My circumstances are that I am a pensioner living on a fixed income with my wife. Having to pay £167 per month council tax actually absorbs one week's worth of the joint monthly pension.

I have appealed against the decision and the hearing is set for September 19. But I have already more or less been told, discreetly, that I am wasting my time, as no one beats the system.

Therefore I suggest the following: 1. Currently the valuation officer assesses the property/ properties according to the road, and no longer assesses his/her valuation on the dwellers of the said property.

Mortar

2. My argument is the Government should change the current legislation and valuations should be assessed by the relevant income at the said property.

3. Many pensioners, and those on low incomes have no alternative but to either sell up or find other rented accommodation owing to the high charges of council tax imposed on householders.

Unless this system changes and, more to the point, local councils are held responsible and accountable for the public money they collect and spend then it will remain unfortunate.

Finally, the dwellers of the property pay the council tax, so merely to assess any property on bricks and mortar is a ridiculous idea. It is not the property that pays the council tax but those in it.

Somehow this has been overlooked and should be reinstated, as was the way when the poll tax was introduced.

And it should be based purely on the income of the people living in the property.

DAVE COPPARD
Arddleen
Powys

How must victim feel at sentence?

I WONDER how that 78-year-old man feels seeing a picture in the paper of a thug who robbed and beat him bragging how he got off without real punishment.

Community service is not punishment. From what I've seen it's mostly not real work, just hanging around filling in the hours.

Would he be so cocky if he had been given some corporal punishment, and then been made to do some real hard manual work?

It might possibly remind him to keep out of trouble in future. It's about time we considered the innocent victims, many thousands of whom, particularly the elderly who are beaten, mugged, robbed, and sometimes killed. Sentencing should be designed to protect the vulnerable. Any society that fails to do this should be ashamed.

Where did this mealymouthed, kid-glove policy come from? 'Spare the rod and spoil the child' the Bible advises.

RON JONES
Oswestry

THIS carved panel bearing Oswestry's coat of arms was once used as a chopping block, the original caption to this October 1970 photo says. "The panel fits into the oak fireplace surround at Oswestry's council chamber in the Guildhall. On the back of the panel, shown by Mr Ron Peart, Oswestry's town clerk, is the inscription 'Used for many years by an old woman as a block for chopping sausage meat.' The lower part of the fireplace is dated 1640."

Through Jesus, God reaches out to us

WE (MAN), once made perfect by our Creator God in His own image, became separated from Him through an act of disobedience (Genesis ch. 3), which the Holy Bible calls sin.

Since then we have tried to make sense of our existence and have created a variety of religions and religious paths which largely attempt to reconcile us to our God and/or deal with the imperfect state to which we fell.

But here's the rub – outside of Christianity they fail. Why? Because ultimately they make reconciliation to God (Salvation) dependent on our own efforts.

But no matter how hard we try, we won't make it. We are not good enough. We cannot offer perfection. Christianity is not like that.

It's not about creed, or a code of conduct or self help. It's about a person – Jesus Christ.

The Son of God, second person of the Holy Trinity, became a man through his perfect life, offered Himself as the perfect substitute/sacrifice to atone for our sins, in order to satisfy the wrath of God the Father.

God, through Christ, reached out and continues to reach out to us, offering a free pardon to all those who will believe in and submit to, the authority of Jesus Christ.

TONY SUTTON
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Time to up checks

I HAVE been watching Dom Littlewood's TV programme 'Saints and Scroungers' and it amazes me that the government doles out vast sums of taxpayers' cash without checking that information supporting claims is accurate.

But this is the public sector where value for money does not enter the equation.

DAVID SURREY
Middletown

Cutting tax is the way to go

NO amount of quantitative easing or any more lowering of interest rates will help the real economy or the people in it. The lowering of interest rates only slightly helps some people with debt or a mortgage or loan.

But a lot of people in this country don't have a mortgage and a large number of hardworking citizens live in council housing or other rented accommodation and do not benefit from low interest rates.

The only way to create economic activity is to reduce taxation of our people, which has been proved to help in other countries. The fairest way to do this would be to abolish the council tax.

That would leave the people with their own money that they have worked for, to go and create activity.

After all, the council tax is only a small portion of council spending, but it is a big slice of people's budgets.

It costs councils a lot to create, collect and enforce council tax, and even then lots of debt is written off each year. Let people spend their own money.

TERRY WILLIAMS
Oswestry

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Town hall repair bill rockets as another £100k is needed

THE costs of emergency repairs to Welshpool Town Hall are rocketing and there is now a warning that another £100,000 will be needed next year.

Already the planned £85,000 renovation scheme costs have soared to £200,000 and now town clerk Robert Robinson is warning that more money will need to be found in the next financial year.

He has revealed that a further £100,000 may still have to be spent on upgrading the town hall's heating system.

by Graham Breeze

He confirmed that the clock tower has a near three-inch lean but has been reassured by surveyors that this won't cause a problem as it was probably built that way and not shifted since.

"I don't know how it has stood up all these years when you consider what the builders have found over the past few weeks," said Mr Robinson.

"The Town Hall looks good but has been built cheaply. The initial work will run to budget but the extra expense has come as a result of what that initial work has uncovered."

Mr Robinson said that £50,000 of the costs would come from the Severn Valley Built Heritage Fund and the deficit was being sought from the Burgess Lands Trust fund.

"We have taken professional advice every step of the way," he said. "The Town Hall is an important building for Welshpool so it is important for the future that it is maintained."

Break-in mars 25th year at town firm

CELEBRATIONS at a family business to recognise 25 years trading were ruined by a break-in.

Brothers Rupert and Robin Shingler arrived at work at Dennis Shingler & Sons in Cyfronydd arrived at work last Friday burglars had helped themselves to a substantial amount of hardware, taking the shine off a tremendous landmark for the business.

"It's a real shame and we're still trying to finalise what was taken but we know a trailer, tractor batteries, pressure washers and a 150-litre air compressor have gone," said Rupert, who started the business with his late father Dennis in 1987.

The thieves smashed through a gate and into a storage shed.

"One of the local residents said they think a white van has been hanging around for a couple of days, but it is in the hands of the police now. We need to keep the business running as usual."

If you saw anything suspicious contact police on 101.

Society season

THE new season of activities organised by Welshpool Welsh Society starts next week. A concert by the Foeldrehaearn Family Group, Dolanog, is in the Welsh Chapel on September 12.

Comments wanted on plan for elderly

THE people of Welshpool are being asked for their views as Powys County Council draws up a strategy to help people retain their independence in older age.

The council's social care team is working on its draft 'Promoting Independence Commissioning Strategy' and has already held a number of focus groups to get people's views.

Now, the draft document is available online for people to comment upon and can be found at www.powys.gov.uk/haveyoursay and local people have up to midnight on September 23 to comment.

Councillor Rosemarie Harris is the council's Cabinet Member with responsibility for Adult Social Care and she explained: "The population of people over 65 in Powys is projected to rise from 2008's figure of 22 per cent of the population to 36 per cent in 2033 with the number of people over 75 set to double."

"In addition, we have more than three times the Welsh percentage of adults with a registered physical disability living within the county.

"We need to ensure that our services are set up to help, not hinder, local people in retaining their independence and their dignity in later life or if they have a long-term health condition."

Club is in focus at library

THE Welshpool Camera Club is showing off some of their work at the library in the town. The work featuring photographs of landscapes, portraits and wildlife will be on show throughout the month. For more details on the club check out its website on *www.welshpoolcameraclub.org.uk*. Library assistant Helen Evans is seen looking at some of the work. *Picture: Ian Sheppard.*

Course to offer tips on dress making

DRESS making classes are due to start on the Shropshire/Wales border this month.

The sessions will take place in Llanymynech Village Hall from September 26 for eight weeks.

The class has been running for nearly five years and people have made christening robes, animal costumes and Tudor dresses as well as more conventional clothes.

The classes will run on September 26 from 7.30pm-9pm and September 27 from 11am-12.30pm.

Class tutor Sarah Thursfield said: "This term in response to the growing demand I'm launching a new daytime class as well as the evening session.

"This is so you can choose the most convenient one for you."

It costs £45 for eight classes. For more information or to book a place call (01691) 839286 or visit *www.sarahthursfield.com*

Talk on castle

OLWEN John, senior vice president of Welshpool Rotary Club, presided over the lunch on August 29 at the Royal Oak Hotel. Speaker was Rosemary Denholm, of the National Trust, who gave an interesting talk about Powis Castle.

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Grapple stars limber up for season's end bonanza

Promoting the evening of wrestling is Mike Breeze.

by Graham Breeze

WRESTLING fans can still grab tickets for the final show of the season at Welshpool Town Hall tomorrow night, Friday.

Tickets have been selling well for Rainbow Records of Welshpool Market Hall event, billed as a wrestling bonanza.

The six-bout card ends a successful season of wrestling in Welshpool. Crowds packed out the last event when former MP Lembit Opik took to the ring.

WWE-bound Stevie Starr bows out with a titanic battle against the Masked Sensation. Number one bad boy Kade Callus takes on British Heavyweight Champion James Mason and Britain's smallest wrestler, 3ft 7inch Little Daddy challenges the giant Bison Brody.

Other top wrestlers include the Welsh Wizard, Big Dog and the Lightning Kid.

Promoter and MC Mike Breeze said: "We are ending a very successful season in Welshpool with a bang, with without doubt our strongest card of the season. Tickets are selling very well and we are heading for another full house."

Tickets are £10 adults, £8 children or a family ticket for two adults and two children is £30 from Rainbow Records in Welshpool Market Hall and Ego Games, Broad Street, Newtown.

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start and refreshments will be available. For details call Rainbow Records on 07806 514116.

Club plans coffee morning

THE Welshpool & District Visual Impairment Club will hold its annual coffee morning and exhibition next month.

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Movie bid delayed by late delivery

PLANS to bring a digital cinema to Oswestry showing blockbuster films and live productions have been further delayed – after it emerged specialist equipment would have to be shipped in from across the Atlantic.

Staff at film-screening company Kinokulture want to use the technology to show latest releases at the Attfield Theatre, in the Guildhall on Bailey Head. But the equipment needed has to be brought in from Canada – and it is not yet known when it will arrive.

Kinokulture was awarded more than £45,000 from Shropshire Council's Market Town Revitalisation programme for the project to bring top movies to the area.

Bosses had hoped to bring the facility to Oswestry in May but administration problems have seen the project delayed several times over the summer.

Ian Garland, technical director at the company, said the equipment needed for the venture is so specialised that only four people in the whole country know how to install it.

The company then has plans for box-office films, recent releases, a Saturday morning film club for youngsters .

See *www.kinokulture.org.uk*

Maisy, 10, wants action to put brakes on speed fiends

by Andrew Morris

COUNCIL and police chiefs will be asked to look at the issue of motorists speeding through a village on the Powys/Shropshire border after the MP received a letter from a concerned 10-year-old girl.

Maisy Williams, from Llandrinio, near Welshpool, wrote to Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies complaining that motorists speed through her village.

Mr Davies met Maisy and they viewed traffic travelling on the B4393 past her house, with Mr Davies saying he would be raising the issue after finding the road was 'extremely hazardous' to cross.

Maisy with MP Glyn Davies.

Mr Davies said Maisy wrote to him to complain that too many motorists were ignoring the 50mph signs on her road.

The letter explained that she was worried about the affects of speeding, leaving people unable to cross safely.

Mr Davies said: "Maisy is absolutely correct to be worried about traffic speeding past her house. I am very pleased she has asked me to help.

Having visited Maisy it's clear that some motorists are not observing the speed limit as they should.

"The stretch of B4393 in Llandrinio where the 50mph limit runs through is a built-up area. It's extremely hazardous to cross the road safely.

"It is important to maintain the safety of pedestrians as well as the convenience of motorists, and I will be raising the issue with the police and Powys County Council to check what steps can be taken to stop excessive speeding."

A spokesman from Powys County Council said: "We take road safety as a very serious issue. Should concerns be raised we will fully investigate and see what action would be appropriate."

Dyfed-Powys Police said it carried out regular patrols in the area, but would look forward to meeting with Mr Davies.

Fundraiser to have lots of meal appeal

A FUNDRAISING meal – dubbed Trevor's Sausage and Mash – in aid of Oswestry's Orthopaedic Hospital is to be held on Wednesday from 7pm at the Anchor in Pepper Street, Whitchurch.

Tickets are £13, for the event which has been named in honour of butcher Trevor Fowles who donated the meat for the meal.

On the menu will be sausage, mash, vegetables, onion gravy and trifle or hot sponge for pudding, plus tea and coffee.

There will also be a raffle. Call Margaret on (01948) 667081 for tickets.

Heart-felt plea by pharmacist

Pharmacist Mohammed Zaryaab with Healthcare Assistant Diana Ford-Jones.

A BIG-hearted pharmacist in Oswestry is offering free blood pressure checks to help keep people healthy.

Station Pharmacy, in Oswald Road, will be giving quick tests during Blood Pressure UK's Know Your Numbers! Week, which runs from Monday until September 16.

Pharmacist Mohammed Zaryaab is urging the community to go along and get tested after All About Health revealed almost half of West Midlanders would only consider themselves at risk if they were overweight.

"That is not the only cause," he said.

"Eating too much salt or not taking enough exercise can also cause high blood pressure – the most common cause of cardiovascular disease."

The pharmacy will have Pressure Points for visitors to drop in for a test, get advice and stickers with blood pressure numbers.

Mr Zaryaab advised people to cut down on salt, eat five portions of fruit and veg a day and exercise for 30 minutes five times a week.

Olympic torch to lead way at event

A WOMAN who had the honour of carrying the Olympic flame as it passed through Shropshire and Mid Wales earlier this year will be using her torch to open a community event.

Maralyn Parry will lead youngsters on a parade during the Llandyssil Dragonfest near Montgomery on Saturday.

Dragonfest started in Llandyssil in 2008 to promote and celebrate the Welsh national heraldic emblem.

A festival spokesman added: "It also brings together, in a fundraising event, the village, the district and parish of Llandyssil, with many local friends and villages from around Wales and across many borders, including England, for a fun filled day in beautiful, rural Mid Wales

"Dragonfest, with free entry and free parking, will feature the usual mix of stalls, games and activities, entertainment, the Dragonfest Olympics and of course a bar and the Dragonroast.

"Local band, Undercover, will perform at 4pm."

"It is appropriate for an Olympic torch to be on display at Dragonfest as one of the two designers of the torch, Edward Barber, has family who live in the parish on Cefn y Coed, Llandyssil," she added.

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Sam's happy with weight-loss plan

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SAM Davidson joined Slimming World a year ago and that decision changed the life of the teaching assistant.

"Things were getting difficult for me working as a teaching assistant with four to five-year-olds because of my weight," she said. "I hated clothes shopping and didn't socialise due to my lack of confidence. So on August 31, 2011 I joined Jan Evans's Slimming World at The Memorial Hall in Oswestry.

"In my first week I lost five pounds and enjoyed such wonderful free food. There was no weighing or counting. It was great with fresh fruit, vegetables, lean meat, fish and chicken.

"I was even able to eat chocolate and takeaways and was so happy as week-by-week the pounds just kept falling off and I was never hungry. I started to buy new clothes in a smaller size and enjoyed shopping for the first time."

Sam continued following the Slimming World diet and people were soon noticing the change as her weight fell by 5st 9lbs.

"It is all down to my consultant Jan and all my lovely friends at Slimming World. I know I will never go back to how I was because looking at photographs I struggle to recognize myself. I love the way I look now and enjoy walking for exercise."

Sam's advice to anyone out there wanting to lose weight is to go along to Slimming World. The course is easy to follow and you will never be hungry.

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Sam Davidson, who has lost weight with Slimming World.

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NEWS in brief

Town market to aid good causes

A CHARITY market featuring a number of stalls for good causes will be held on Oswestry's Bailey Head on September 14.

It has been organised by officials at Oswestry Town Council and Qube and will run from 9am until 3pm.

Charities which have already signed up to run stalls at the event include Shropshire Wildlife Trust, Walking for Health, Oswestry Access Group and Save the Children.

Kim Thompson-Lawrence, volunteer outreach officer at Qube, said: "We are looking forward to a busy day at the market."

Collection at store raises charity cash

A COLLECTION organised by the Oswestry Guide Dogs group and held at the town's Sainsbury's raised £696.

Members of the group have thanked the store for allowing them to carry out the fundraiser and thanked the public for their generosity.

The group will be holding a race night at Oswestry Cricket Club on September 28. Tickets are £5. Tickets can be bought from the Sweet Dreams store or on 07929 001315.

Singer plans date

OSWESTRY SINGER Libby Gliksman will be performing in the town next month. She will be at The Walls restaurant on October 19 from 8.30pm.

Revamped chapel to reopen by next spring, say bosses

by Graham Breeze

AN 1862 listed chapel in Oswestry is being revamped and will be ready to open to the public by next spring, its developer has said.

For the last two years Duncan Kerr has been working to change Hermon Chapel, in Chapel Street into a centre providing entertainment for the community.

This month he will be opening the building, now called the Hermon Centre, for people to have a look around and learn about the renovation project. He will also have a time line for people to add their memories and experience of the building to.

The building, which had been empty since 1994, was created for Welsh-speaking services. It is thought to be only one of two buildings in England designed by Rev Thomas Thomas. Mr Kerr said: "I have been working on it for about two years.

"We have made some subtle alterations inside; repositioning some of the pews and chairs and getting a better stage area for music and spoken word. We are making the box pews with cushions to make them comfy. We are looking to open up next spring."

He said it could be used for functions, performances and weddings.

Mr Kerr said the centre would open on September 7 from 10am-4pm for the public to view the restoration work. The opening is part of the town's heritage days called Oswestry and Beyond. He wants people interested in becoming friends or supporters of the building to sign up to an email list when they visit in September.

The centre will also be open on September 8 from 3pm for a talk by the Oswestry Civic Society titled The Past and Future of Towns.

The chapel has many original features and Mr Kerr has been working with English Heritage and a Shropshire Council officer during the redevelopment project.

He said: "It is a wonderful building and it has still got a wow factor."

Wedded bliss

Gemma Taylor and Dale Jones, from Llansanffraid, who were married at Llansanffraid Church. *Photo: Tim Mitchell Photography.*

Children plant oaks at park

Brynhafren Primary School pupils Kelly Emberton and Andrew Davies plant oak trees with headteacher David Lambourn, right, and Seven Oaks Holiday Home Park owner Tony Bywater.

SEVEN pupils of Brynhafren Primary School at Bausley won a competition to plant a tree at one of the top caravan holiday home and lodge parks in Wales.

The pupils followed in the footsteps of seven predecessors from the school who planted the first seven oaks along the drive when Seven Oaks Holiday Park at Coedway, between Shrewsbury and Welshpool opened.

The trees have been planted with the children's name plaques around a pool, created as part of a £500,000 project to add 20 pitches on a terrace overlooking the River Severn.

Owner Tony Bywater and park managers Ron and Margaret Brace invited the school to run a competition to find seven pupils to plant the trees. Senior pupils designed leaflets advertising the park, juniors designed sculptures for the extension and the youngest came up with caravan designs.

The winners were Hannah Pugh and Andrew Davies, 11, Amy Gardner, 10, Kelly Emberton, nine, Adam Wilde, Arron Rhodes and Aaron Jones, all eight.

Footpath group is launched in village

A NEW group has been set up to help maintain footpaths in St Martins.

The Friends of St Martins Footpaths group was launched at a cheese and wine evening on Wednesday.

Sue Schofield from the group said it had been founded after the parish entered into an agreement with Shropshire Council under the Parish Paths Partnership scheme to assist with the maintenance and upkeep of the network of footpaths and bridleways.

She said: "Under this arrangement, a group of volunteers has been formed which will carry out minor maintenance work such as clearing undergrowth, waymarking and repairing stiles on existing public rights of way.

"More significant problems, legal disputes and all work adjoining public highways will continue to be carried out by Shropshire Council.

"As the majority of problems associated with public rights of way in St Martins involve overgrown and defective stiles, this new arrangement will enable the need for work to be prioritised and in many cases, carried out at a local level.

"In return Shropshire Council has provided a comprehensive kit of tools and advice in setting up the group."

PET HEALTH

Cheeky little hamster needed an operation

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SMALLEST patient this month was a dwarf hamster which came in with a prolapsed cheek pouch.

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When that time comes, if the hamster is in a bit of a hurry and the food a bit dry, as the pouch is emptied then rarely the pouch itself can come out of the cheek and hang outside the mouth.

An anaesthetic was needed to push the pouch back into place and then hold it there with a couple of sutures.

Fleas are causing lots of problems at the moment, both for pets and their owners.

The pets tend to get the bites, allergic reactions and self-inflicted sores from chewing and scratching.

Their owners, on the other hand, while occasionally getting bitten if fleas have infested the carpets and are biting their ankles, are more usually psychologically traumatised by the thought of the little blighters.

One woman this month was so upset about the fleas on her cat that she phoned me at 2.30am to tell me about it! She was told politely to phone back in the morning!

If your pet does have fleas treatment of all in contact animals is essential, usually with a good spot-on, not a cheap but ineffective and possibly toxic permethrin based product from a supermarket or pet shop.

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Peg doll gift for basketball star

GALLERY staff in Oswestry gave Shropshire wheelchair basketball ace Malcolm Tarkenter a special memento ahead of his stint carrying the Paralympic torch.

Mr Tarkenter, former Paralympian and chairman of the British Paraplegic Basketball Association, visited the Qube's Olympic-themed peg doll exhibition before heading down to Games.

And gallery staff gave him the basket-ball paralympic team peg dolls to take with him.

Mr Tarkenter won a Paralympic Silver in Atlanta 1996.

Rambling dates for town group

OSWESTRY Ramblers have organised a five-mile leisurely walk from Ellesmere today, Thursday. Anyone wanting to go along should meet in the Oswestry Lloyd Street car park at 10am.

On Sunday there will be a six-and-a-half mile leisurely walk in the Overton and Bangor-on-Dee area. Ramblers should meet on the Central car park in Oswestry at 10am.

Bowlers rewarded

MEMBERS of Wynnstay bowling club will get their skills recognised at the club's presentation dinner planned for the Wynnstay Hotel on October 12. Anyone wishing to attend can call (01691) 654886.

Red Arrows give showgoers an unexpected flypast thrill

Cliff Thomas of Montgomery Vintage Club on his 1951 Allis-Chalmers tractor. *Pictures: Simon Williams.*

Leonie Nicholls, 23, from Welshpool with her flower display titled 'Circus'.

Dad Chris Williams with eight-year-old Jack and six-year-old Cerys from Caersws with their Limo Cross.

Helen Davies with one of her father's Suffolk's from J Price in Tefnanney near Meifod.

Huw Rowlands, from Llanbrynmair, with his Highland Cattle.

VISITORS were given an unexpected treat when the Red Arrows flew over Llanfair Caereinion's annual show on Saturday.

by Graham Breeze

Showgoers enjoyed a surprise flypast from the world famous display team who were on route from their North Wales base to performances at Bournemouth Air Festival and Chatsworth Country Fair.

Show president Glyn Roberts was about to address the crowd during the grand parade when he was interrupted by the aerial team.

"It was a very unexpected treat," said secretary Liz Harding.

"I was in the main marquee at the time and missed it but everyone else was excited by the flypast. I can't believe I didn't see it."

And show organisers were celebrating after choosing one of the few dry days of the summer for the event and attracting big entries for all sections.

Main ring entertainment came from scurry and driving racing which thrilled the crowds.

There was also a parade of vintage machinery and a donkey derby with local teams of jockeys.

The 39th annual show included the traditional parade through the town before heading to the field, where an afternoon of events took place.

Other highlights were the supreme horse championships, the decorated shires and mounted fancy dress and the grand parade of the elegant prize winning horses and livestock.

"Attendance was up on last year and there were strong entries in all the classes.

All in all it was an excellent show," said Mrs Harding.

Town tour date for singer in rock band

ROCK band singer/songwriter Ben Ottewell will be in Oswestry later this year.

The Ironworks, in Church Street, will host the musician who will perform solo material on the acoustic guitar as well as some classics from Gomez.

Mr Ottewell is one of several singer/songwriters for the three-piece British rock band. He released his first solo nine-track album, Shapes & Shadows, last year and is now planning to tour the country to play some of its tracks live to music fans.

He will arrive in Shropshire on December 9 as part of the UK tour.

While Gomez is a three-singer band, Ottewell's powerful tenor has graced many fan favourites, from early songs like Get Miles and Revolutionary Kind to the more recent singles How We Operate and See The World.

The event has been put on by Oswestry's The Worlds Biggest Events and tickets cost £8. Doors open at 7.30pm. For more information visit *www.facebook.com/worldsbiggestevents*

The Worlds Biggest Events has also organised for Phantom Limb to play on November 2. The band from Bristol has had its tracks played by the likes of Huey Morgan on 6Music, Bob Harris on Radio 2, and Greg James of Radio 1.

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Heritage days offer free film showings

FREE film screenings will be staged as part of Oswestry's contribution to the nationwide Heritage Open Days programme.

The heritage event runs from Thursday to Sunday and the Oswestry and Beyond event, now in its third year, has become one of the biggest and most highly regarded set of National Heritage Open Day programmes in the region.

Organisations including Oswestry Museum, Oswestry Library, Park Hall, Whittington Castle, Llanymynech Heritage Centre and kinokulture cinema have created events for this year's programme.

Among these are two free film screenings hosted by kinokulture cinema.

Victor Turin's 1929 epic spectacle Turksib will be shown at The Attfield Theatre on September 8 at 3pm.

And on September 9 at 2pm kinokulture will screen Bill Morrison's film Decasia at The Hoffman Kiln at Llanymynech Heritage Centre, with a live improvised soundtrack performance by musician Barry Edwards.

Decasia is a rarely screened film montage created entirely out of found nitrate film footage already in a state of decay.

The full programme for Oswestry & Beyond can be picked up at locations around the town.

Bid to vary pub's licensing rules provokes controversy

CONTROVERSIAL proposals to vary licensing rules at a village pub near Oswestry will be discussed by councillors today, Thursday.

The licensees of The Keys in St Martins have applied to Shropshire Council to vary their premises licence but the move has led to nine objections.

A council officer's report said objectors were worried about crime and noise problems and the licence request would be discussed by councillors at a meeting in Oswestry today. The report said among variations proposed by licensees John Smout and Victoria Penrose was to be allowed to play live music indoors from 11am until 1am on Fridays and Saturdays.

by Graham Breeze

At the moment the pub can play music until midnight from Mondays to Saturdays.

The report said the licensees also wanted to be allowed to sell alcohol from 9am in the morning until midnight on Sundays to Thursdays and from 9am until 2am the following morning on Fridays and Saturdays.

Currently the pub can sell alcohol from 11am to 1am on Monday to Thursday, from 11am to 2am on Friday and Saturday and from 9pm until midnight on Sundays.

The officer's report said the licensees had said various steps would be taken to prevent problems should they get the varied licence.

It said: "Door supervisors would be used during performances of live music from 8.30pm to the close of the premises. Signs will be displayed requesting leave the customers leave the premises quietly. To stop under-age drinking the Challenge 25 scheme, which asks drinkers to prove they are 18, would be operated.

The report said objections from Shropshire Council's noise pollution team and the police had been withdrawn after they were reassured conditions would be imposed.

But the report added: "Nine representations have been received from interested parties who have concerns in respect of crime and disorder, noise nuisance, public safety and the extent of opening hours.

Shropshire Council's licensing sub committee will discuss the licence at Castle View offices in Oswestry at 10am on Thursday.

Foundation is boosting fund

A FOUNDATION set up in memory of a Shropshire schoolgirl is to stage a fund-raising ball, with organisers hoping to raise 'serious money' for the cause.

The Charlotte Hartey Foundation autumn ball will be held at the Lion Quays Hotel near Oswestry on October 5.

The foundation was set up in memory of 16-year-old Bronygarth girl Charlotte Hartey, who died in July 2009 from complications arising from being misdiagnosed with swine flu.

Her aunt Beth Hartey-Morrow said: "Throughout the course of the evening through such games as Irish Bingo and Heads and Tails, we hope to raise some serious money for the foundation. We also wish to hold a raffle and are looking for 10 quality prizes; all proceeds from the evening will go to the Charlotte Hartey Foundation.

A table for 10 guests at the ball costs £350. Anyone wishing to attend or donate can call (01691) 671903.

Shop's frying high after award

Staff at Wots Cookin in Oswestry. Left to right are Jaci Davies, Jane Farrington, Jasmin Roberts, Bernie Hanson, Kirsty Haynes, Carol Morris and Keith Morris.

WOTS Cookin of Oswestry has become Shropshire's only recipient of the prestigious Fish and Chip Quality Award.

The National Federation of Fish Friers, the trade body that represents the nation's fish and chip shops, runs the scheme as a way of raising standards.

The scheme is a way of rewarding and promoting shops that provide good quality products and hygiene, as well as friers who show a high level of competence.

To qualify, each shop has to go through an inspection by an NFFF Approved Assessor who assesses the shop's presentation, hygiene and cleanliness, staff training, equipment, frying and sales skills and most importantly the quality of the cooked product.

The award is valid for two years and retention is dependent on standards being maintained.

NEWS in brief

Walkers to step out for festival

FINAL preparations are being made for Oswestry's first ever walking festival this weekend.

There will be five walks on offer during the three day festival, which will run from Friday to Sunday, to allow people to take in sites such as Old Oswestry Hill Fort, Llanyblodwell and Moelydd, Llanymynech, Oswald's Ring and Weston Mill.

The event has been organised to celebrate the town being awarded Walkers are Welcome status.

Enthusiasts believe it will help attract more people to the area.

For more information visit *www.oswestrywalkers.co.uk*

Quiz night raises cash for scheme

A QUIZ night at a restaurant in Oswestry has raised £750 to the town's community first responders scheme.

The quiz was held at the Simla Restaurant by owner George Miah.

The proceeds will go towards the running costs of the first responders car, which is used in and around Oswestry.

Responders are highly trained volunteers working with the West Midlands Ambulance Service who can reach an emergency quickly to assess problems while the nearest ambulance is on its way.

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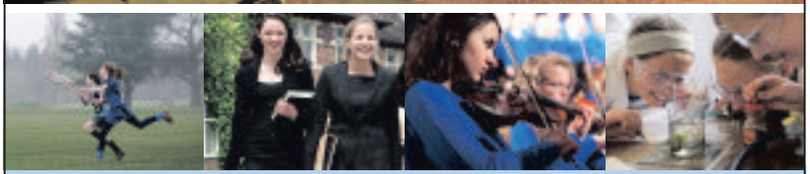

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Council bosses thrilled by rise in household recycling

HOUSEHOLD recycling has increased in Powys by more than seven per cent in the past 12 months, delighted council chiefs have announced.

But Powys County Council bosses have said more has to be done to hit the Welsh Government's targets.

Statistics for the three months between April and June show Powys recycled over 46.36 per cent of its waste, compared to just 39.21 per cent for the same period last year.

This is down to an increase of residents using the numerous recycling options available to them, rather than sending their waste to landfill sites.

by Iain St John

However Powys, like all Welsh authorities, has been set a target of 52 per cent during 2012/13 by the Welsh Government, and will be fined £200 for every extra tonne sent to landfill, a financial burden that will inevitably be passed onto taxpayers.

This doesn't include the cost of tipping waste at landfill sites, which costs about £130 a tonne including landfill tax, gate fees and transportation costs.

The recent upsurge in recycling is reducing these costs, and council bosses say if an extra effort is made over the next few months, the 52 per cent rate could be achieved quicker than anticipated and minimise the threat of any potential fines.

The council is continuing to roll out the improved kerbside collections for residents, as well as encouraging businesses to take advantage of reduced rates for trade recycling collections.

Traders can also take advantage of the recycling permit system for Community Recycling Sites and Household Waste Recycling Centres, which provides an excellent value alternative for recycling their waste.

"I would like to thank those Powys residents who have embraced recycling, as well as the collection crews for their hard work in helping to improve these figures," said Councillor Barry Thomas, Cabinet Member for waste and recycling.

Councillor will spend an evening on the beat

AN Oswestry councillor hopes to spend an evening in the town centre with police to see what goes on after dark.

Town Councillor Paul Milner said he will ask Inspector Rick Klair if he can ride in a police car to see what they have to deal with.

He did a similar thing last year with the former Inspector Jim Stafford who retired earlier this year. But now Inspector Klair, who is also the inspector for North Shropshire, has taken over, Councillor Milner said he wants to see if the nightlife has changed.

He said it would be interesting to see how last year's night out would compare.

"I am going to see the inspector next week to ask him if I can go out and compare what it is like this year to last year," he said. "I want to go out again but it is up to the inspector.

"I haven't had any bad reports but it would be nice to revisit it at night."

He said he was also interested in spending a night on duty with a taxi driver to experience nightlife from their point of view.

He will be meeting the inspector at the next meeting at The Oswestry Community Alcohol Partnership.

Os-CAP was launched earlier this year to try and reduce the number of underage drinkers.

Police raid at travellers site

THREE properties at a Welshpool travellers site have been raided by police officers following a tip-off, Dyfed Powys Police has confirmed.

No arrests were made during the intelligence-led operation at Leighton Arches traveller site near Welshpool and no items were taken away, the police said.

Local residents reportedly claimed officers were searching for a gun.

Up to eight police vehicles were involved in the operation on Wednesday, August 29 and entrances to the site were blocked by officers during the raid.

Chief Inspector Peter Westlake said although no arrests were made the relevant checks were made to verify the intelligence received.

He said: "Following intelligence received and subsequent enquiries police executed a series of search warrants at the Leighton Arches traveller site in Welshpool on Wednesday."

PO branch marks 50 years

Caryn Evans, left, Post Office manager, and Rachel Ryan-Rowe, deputy branch manager, raise a glass.

IN AN era when post offices are disappearing from streets across the country Oswestry has celebrated the 50th anniversary of its Willow Street facility.

The Post Office was officially opened 50 years ago last Thursday, in 1962, in Willow Street with its own sorting office.

Staff recently discovered the occasion was coming up after finding an old photograph in one of its cupboards documenting the event. It shows the mayor of the time and other dignitaries marking the occasion.

Caryn Evans, branch manager, said: "We found the photograph upstairs in a cupboard. Someone was sorting it out and saw it. They looked at the date and realised it was 50 years ago."

Mrs Evans, 53, has worked at the post office for 33 years.

"The biggest change is the sorting office has moved to Maesbury Road Industrial Estate," she said. "That was about 15 years ago."

Memorable moments include the arrival of some pigeons. "They come in from the street," she said. "We have had to almost dismantle units to get them out."

Before opening in Willow Street the Post Office was in Church Street.

Appeal to find heroes who make a difference

FAMILIES In Mid Wales are being urged to nominate a special someone who has made a difference to their lives as part of a national award.

The Welsh Family Heroes Awards 2012 offers the chance for people to nominate someone who has made a huge difference to families and children throughout the area.

Following on from the success of last year's Family Heroes Awards, charity 4Children and Take a Break magazine are appealing to find those in Wales who have been inspirational, outstanding and have gone beyond the call of duty to help families and children throughout the UK.

Neil Fox, awards host and television presenter, said: "After last year's awards, I am delighted to be hosting the Family Hero Awards once again on behalf of 4Children and Take a Break.

"Families are at the heart of our communities and the Family Hero Awards are a time to celebrate this and thank those that have made a real difference in helping to support families and children across the UK."

Cooker blaze

FIREFIGHTERS were called to deal with a blaze involving a cooker in Oswestry on Friday. Nobody was injured in the fire at The Green and the fire was out before firefighters arrived.

Open Day

Oswestry Leisure Centre

Saturday 8th September 2012

10am - 4pm

see our New Fitness Suite

& enjoy the following activities:

- Have a look around our brand new 75 station fitness suite, with health & fitness memberships from £24.95 per month*
  Join on the day and get the rest of September free!
- Free workout taster classes in the Dance Studio including:
  Body Blast at 2.00pm – 2.45pm • Fit to Box & Step Pump at 3.00pm – 3.45pm
- "Have a go" sports hall games will be available throughout the day including Badminton and Table Tennis.
- Children's bouncy castle and face painting throughout the day.

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Distinctive period house has wonderful countryside views

An attractive detached country home with almost an acre of gardens has come on to the market with Morris Marshall & Poole priced at ££399,950.

Penyberwydd, Castle Caereinion, near Welshpool, is set in a wonderful position with far-reaching views over surrounding countryside.

The period property, dominated by a distinctive turret to the front, has the benefit of modern day comforts including oil-fired heating and double glazing, while retaining many original features such as ceiling beams, wall studs and some exposed stone walls.

Accommodation comprises a hall, snug with open fireplace, kitchen with built-in appliances, wc, dining room with fireplace housing a woodburner and former bread oven, sitting room with fireplace and stove, conservatory offering lovely views, and cellar.

Upstairs are four bedrooms, three with built-in wardrobes and one with fireplace, a superior bathroom including a roll top bath, twin wash basins and shower cubicle, and a separate wc.

The extensive gardens are mainly laid to lawn, and there is a detached garage to the side.

For more details call Morris Marshall & Poole on 01938 554818 or visit www.morrismarshall.co.uk

Spacious property ready for a revamp

Cotswold House is a spacious home in Sycamore Drive, a small cul-de-sac in walking distance of Wem town centre.

The detached property, one of four in the cul-de-sac, is on the market for £245,000.

On a generous corner plot with scope for improvement, the property has a hall and cloakroom, kitchen and utility.

The lounge (20' x 12'10"), dining room and study have woodblock flooring.

On the first floor there are four bedrooms and a bathroom.

The property is surrounded by lawns and has a detached garage.

For more details contact JJ Dell on 01691 653437 or go to www.jjdell.co.uk

Dormer bungalow has been extended

The Cedars, Nant Lane, Morda, is an extended dormer bungalow which has come onto the market for offers in the region of £184,950.

The property has two reception rooms, utility, integral garage with power and lighting, gas central heating, PVC double glazing (where stated) and gardens to the front and rear.

The kitchen benefits from an integrated oven and gas hob with extractor fan over, and a utility room with plumbing for washing machine.

To the front is a gated driveway providing ample parking for family vehicles.

For further information contact selling agents Woodhead Estates on 01691 680044 or visit the website www.woodheadestates.com

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PROPERTIES OF THE WEEK

Former vicarage with land and outbuildings up for auction

A former vicarage with outbuildings and nearly eight acres of land will go to auction on September 28. Caledon House, Marton, near Welshpool, has a guide price of £350,000 to £380,000.
The stone property occupies a commanding position in a beautiful valley, with extensive farmland views. Built as a vicarage in the mid 19th century, it has been owned by the same family since the 1940s and still has original fireplaces, picture rails and high ceilings.There are three reception rooms, a large breakfast kitchen, five bedrooms, bathroom and wc.

For further information please call Halls on 01743 236444 or visit the website www.hallsgb.com

Tastefully renovated stone cottage for sale with no chain

Corner House, Meifod, is a delightful stone built cottage full of character that has been tastefully renovated by its current owner. It is for sale through James & Co at £89,950 with no chain.
There is an open plan dining kitchen, oak stairs to living room, bathroom, oak stairs to second floor bedroom one with oak floor, exposed ceiling timbers and exposed brickwork, bedroom two with oak flooring and ceiling timbers, bathroom, parking space, and small courtyard ideal for storage.

For further information please contact James & Co on 01691 657077 or visit www.jamesandcoproperty.co.uk

Spacious rural semi full of charm and character

Breidden at 46 Woolston Road, West Felton, is on the market for offers around £224,950 with no upward chain. This individual semi-detached cottage in a semi-rural spot is deceptively spacious and boasts open countryside views. It has a large living room with inglenook fireplace, an oak fitted kitchen, dining room with exposed beams, three bedrooms and a bathroom.Double gates open to a drive and single garage.The good-sized rear garden is laid to lawn with a patio, flower and shrub borders and is fully fenced.

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PROPERTIES OF THE WEEK

Roomy bungalow set in 2.5 acres of grounds

Penylan, in Pen y Garreg Lane, Pant, is a substantial bungalow with spectacular views. On the market for offers around £395,000, the detached property is set in gardens and a wooded dingle of about 2.5 acres. A large veranda runs across the front of the property and opens on to the double garage, cloakroom and the entrance hall. The three reception rooms all have fireplaces and the living room has a bay window with French doors. There is a breakfast kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom.

For more details please contact Parry Lowarch on 01743 343343 or visit www.parrylowarch.co.uk

Parry Lowarch

Well-appointed property looks out over fields to the rear

A well-appointed semi-detached home about two miles from Oswestry is for sale priced at £127,500. Number 2 Twmpath Lane, Gobowen, is situated next to the orthopaedic hospital with outstanding views over fields to the rear. The recently improved accommodation includes sitting room, kitchen/breakfast room with a modern range of fitments, bathroom, three excellent bedrooms, gas central heating, double glazing, parking to the side and large lawned gardens to the rear.

For further details please contact Bowen Son & Watson on 01691 652367 or visit www.bowensonandwatson.co.uk

Bowen Son and Watson

Shared ownership available on two-bed house

Ideal for a first-time buyer, 154 Cabin Lane, Oswestry, is on the market for £52,500 on a 50 per cent shared ownership basis, with the option to purchase the whole property for £105,000.
Enjoying a pleasant position within this favoured residential area, the accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, first floor landing, two bedrooms, bathroom, gas-fired central heating, majority PVC double glazing, driveway and gardens to front rear.

For further information please contact Richmond Harvey on 01691 654222 or visit www.richmondharvey.com

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Collective Property Auction

Lion Quays Hotel, Moreton, Oswestry, 2.00pm

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For more information please call any of our offices.

WELSHPOOL — Berriew — LOT 1 Guide Price Over £150,000

A rare opportunity to purchase a most desirable Grade II Listed Three Bedroom Detached Cottage in good order throughout situated in an idyllic location next to the lock at Brithdir adjacent to the Montgomery Canal with a large garden.

SHREWSBURY — Ruyton Xi Towns — LOT 2 Guide Price £120,000

- Spacious 4 Bedroom Mid-Terrace House
- Entrance Hall/Study
- Sitting Room, Cellerage
- Dining Room, Kitchen
- 4 Beds, Family Bathroom
- Large Landing Sitting Room
- Enclosed Rear Garden, Parking

MALPAS — Willington — LOT 3 Guide Price £200,000 to £225,000

- Situated within this sought after rural community
- Detached property provides excellent scope for extension and modernisation
- Various outbuildings gardens and grounds extending to approximately 1.85 acres (about 0.75 of a hectare).

ELLESMERE — Centre — LOT 4 Guide Price Over £135,000

A spacious and superbly appointed Grade II listed family town house situated in the town of Ellesmere.
Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen/ Breakfast Room, Cellar, Utility, Cloakroom, 3 Bedrooms and a family Bathroom.

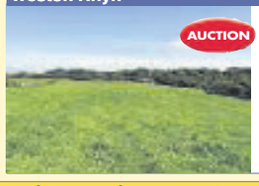
WREXHAM — Penycae — LOT 5 Guide Price Over £150,000

A substantial detached property, previously a public house, with grounds of approximately 0.5 ac. Benefiting from planning permission for the conversion of the property into 2 semi detached dwellings the property offers an opportunity to purchase a property either as a development opportunity or as a family home.

Nr LLANGOLLEN — Glyn Ceiriog — LOT 6 Guide Price Over £200,000

- Three two Bedroom adjoining properties.
- Scope for modernisation and improvements.
- Off road parking.
- Ideal investment opportunity.
- Legal Pack Available for Inspection.

OSWESTRY — Weston Rhyn — LOT 7 Guide Price Over £150,000



A rare opportunity to purchase a block of accommodation land extending to 18.78 acres (7.6 ha) or thereabouts conveniently located just off the A5/A483. The land is currently laid to pasture but would accommodate a host of arable or fodder crops or alternatively could be used for a equine or recreational uses.

2012 Property Auctions

20th September & 6th December

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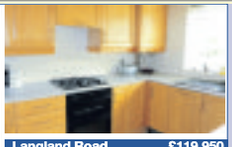
NEW - NO CHAIN — Maplehurst Drive, Oswestry — £145,000

- A most spacious Detached Modern Bungalow in a popular location
- Wide Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Bedroom/Dining Room, Kitchen
- Two further Bedrooms, Shower Room
- Double glazing, gas fired central heating, front and rear gardens with patio
- In need of certain improvements hence the realistic asking price

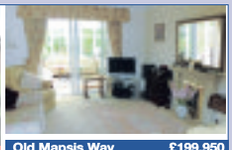


NEW — Langland Road, Oswestry — £119,950

- A well positioned and comfortably appointed Mid Terraced House
- Situated in a popular location and offering generous accommodation
- Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen with Appliances,
- Three Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas C/H,
- Garden to the rear with store shed.

NEW - NO CHAIN — Twmpath Lane, Gobowen — £127,500

- A well appointed Semi-Detached House situated conveniently adjacent to the Orthopaedic Hospital
- Recently improved, Sitting Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room with a modern range of fitments •Family Bathroom, Three First Floor Excellent Bedrooms. Gas fired central heating
- Double glazing, parking to the side of the property, large lawned garden to the rear
- With outstanding views over agricultural fields to the rear.

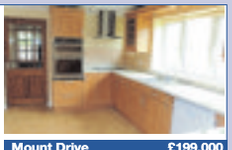


NEW — Old Mapsis Way, Morda — £199,950

- A most comfortably appointed and spacious Detached Four Bedroom House
- Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room, a Large Conservatory
- Four Excellent Bedrooms, En-Suite Shower Room and Family Bathroom
- Double glazed windows, Gas CH, security system, cavity wall insulation
- External lighting, integral garage, delightful gardens and grounds
- Views over the Shropshire countryside.

NEW - NO CHAIN — Oak Drive, St. Martins — £119,950

- A most spacious and comfortably appointed End of Terrace House
- Undergone complete refurbishment being convenient to all facilities in the Village
- Entrance Hall, Large Sitting Room/Dining Room, Brand New Kitchen, Utility
- Three Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom with a new luxury suite
- Double glazing, Gas fired central heating, Lawned gardens and grounds



NO CHAIN — Mount Drive, Oswestry — £199,000

- A most spacious and comfortably appointed Detache House set within a popular location convenient to the town
- Ent Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility, Study/Workrm
- Rear Lobby with WC, Three Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- Gas fired central heating, double glazing, cavity wall insulation
- PVC facia's and barges for ease of maintenance, garage
- Lawned surrounding gardens, and stocked grounds. Rarely available in this location

NEW PRICE - NO CHAIN
Oswestry Road, Whittington — £185,000

- A Detached and Spacious 3 Bedroom Bungalow
- On the outskirts of the popular Village of Whittington
- Entr Hall, Bathroom, Shower Room
- Large Sitting Rm/Dining Rm, Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bedroom, 2 1st Floor Bedrooms
- Gas C/H, D/G, PVC cladding
- Garage. Gardens to fore & rear.

NEW PRICE
Old St. Martins Rd, Gobowen — £94,500

- A spacious and comfortable End-of-Terrace House which offers generous accommodation throughout.
- Sitting Room, Kitchen
- Family Bathroom, Two Excellent Bedrooms
- Double glazing, gas fired central heating. Enclosed lawned garden to the rear
- Viewing highly recommended.

NEW PRICE - NO CHAIN
Maplehurst Drive, Oswestry — £135,000

- A well positioned and comfortably appointed Detached Modern Bungalow in a most popular location on the edge of the Town
- Entrance Hall, Sitting Room/Dining Room with Conservatory off, Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom. Double and triple glazing, Gas C/H
- Cavity wall insulation, easily maintained gardens, enclosed patio garden to rear
- Parking and Good size Single Garage

NEW PRICE - NO CHAIN
Ambleside Road, Oswestry — £137,500

- A lovely Semi-Detached Modern Bungalow
- Entrance Hall with Cloaks, Sitting Room/Dining Room
- Kitchen with appliances, Central Hallway leading to 2 Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom. Gas C/H, Double glazing
- Car port, delightful fully enclosed garden to the rear
- PVC clad for easy maintenance.

NO CHAIN
Station Road, Weston Rhyn — £128,950

- A most impressive and spacious End Terraced House
- Carefully improved by the present owner to present a most comfortable family home being situated in a popular location.
- Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility, Bathroom,
- Three Excellent Bedrooms, En-Suite. Gas C/H, Double Glazing, Gardens
- Ample parking to the fore.

Llwyn Road, Oswestry — £134,995

- A well appointed Detached House
- Situated in a popular residential location
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Three Excellent Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- Gas central heating, part double glazing
- Good size garden, parking

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Offers in Region of £240,000

Beresford Gardens, Oswestry

Richmond Harvey Properties Ltd are delighted to introduce this modern three storey townhouse situated within a short walking distance from the town centre amenities, the property briefly comprises; Entrance Hall, Downstairs WC, Living/Dining Room, Kitchen, First Floor with Master Bedroom, Further Bedroom and Family Bathroom, Second Floor comprising Two Double Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. The property benefits from Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing where stated.

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Cabin Lane, Oswestry

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Asking Price £52,000

Penybontfawr, Powys

..THIS PLOT COULD BE READY FOR OCCUPATION DURING SUMMER 2013.. Superior 4 bedroom detached house which enjoys a delightful position within the picturesque village of Penybontfawr. The property will be finished to a high specification, offers a 10 year NHBC Guarantee. Agents Note: The photographs are for illustration purposes only showing a 4 bedroom house type.

Asking Price £349,950

Vyrnwy Place, Oswestry

1 bed ground floor flat which enjoys a pleasant cul-de-sac location conveniently placed for local amenities. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Lobby, Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Bathroom, PVC Double Glazing, Electric Heating, Parking and Gardens. IDEAL FOR FIRST TIME BUYER OR INVESTOR.

Asking Price £69,950

Penybontfawr, Powys

..THIS PLOT COULD BE READY FOR OCCUPATION DURING DECEMBER 2012.. Superior 5 bedroom detached house which enjoys a delightful position within the picturesque village of Penybontfawr. The property will be finished to a high specification, offers a 10 year NHBC Guarantee. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US.

Asking Price £395,000

Green Square, Llanfyllin

Two bed mews style property enjoying a central location for local town centre amenities. The property comprises: Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Low Maintenance Courtyards to Front and Rear with allocated parking. NO CHAIN.

Offers in Region of £89,000

Fitzgwarine Drive, Whittington

4 bedroom detached family house which offers well proportioned accommodation to include: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Three Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Double Glazing where stated, Gas Fired Central Heating, Driveway, Garage and Most Attractively Landscaped Gardens. MUST BE SEEN.

Offers in Region of £229,950

Wat's Drive, Oswestry

Two bedroom detached bungalow to the market which enjoys a pleasant edge of town location yet being conveniently placed for local amenities.. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate WC, PVC Double Glazing where stated, Gas Fired Central Heating and Garden to Rear.

Offers in Region of £119,950

Ascot Road, Oswestry

PRICED TO SELL 2 bed house within popular residential locality. Briefly comprising: Entrance Hall, Cloaks, Living Room, Kitchen, First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing where stated, Gas Fired Central Heating, Parking to the fore and Garden to rear. Viewing Recommended.

Offers in Region of £115,000

Peverel Drive, Whittington

Enjoying a delightful corner plot position a most exceptionally well appointed 4 bedroom detached family house which briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Study/Ground Floor Bedroom, Living Room, Dining Room, Conservatory, Re-Fitted Kitchen, Utility, Cloakroom, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Three Further Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Double Width Driveway and additional parking area, Gardens to front, side and rear. Viewing fully recommended

Offers in the Region of £219,950

The Meadows, Gobowen

2 bed det bungalow benefiting from a spacious living room with multi fuel stove, study/dining room and a useful side lobby. Enjoying a pleasant cul-de-sac location and conveniently placed for local village amenities. The property also comprises: Entrance Hall, Re-fitted Kitchen, Bathroom, Driveway providing ample off-street parking, carport and garage, Gardens front and rear. NO CHAIN.

Offers in Region Of £152,000

Milars Field, Oswestry

A five bedroom executive detached house (Former Show-Home) Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility, Master Bedroom with Dressing Area and En-Suite, Guest Bedroom with En-Suite, and three further bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Gas Fired CH, PVC DG, Double width driveway, Double Garage and Gardens.

Offers Over £247,995

Ferrers Road, Oswestry

A 3 storey 4 bed semi detached town house which offers a wealth of character features, comprising: Reception Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen with Rayburn, Utility/Rear Lobby, Cloakroom, Cellar, Three First Floor Bedrooms and Bathroom, Second Floor Bedroom Four, Gas Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Low Maintenance Paved Patio and Gated Parking Area.

Offers in Region of £179,950

The Hollies, Church Lane, St Martins

A 3 bedroom detached bungalow which benefits from an attached double garage and garden room extension (possible 4th bedroom or study). The property also comprises: Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Spacious Living Room/Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom. Double Glazing where stated, Gas Fired Central Heating, Driveway and Most Attractively Landscaped Gardens to Front and Rear. Viewing Fully Recommended.

Offers in Region of £230,000

Y Ddol, Penybontfawr

3 bedroom detached bungalow, enjoying a pleasant cul-de-sac location and delightful countryside views to the rear elevation. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Cloakroom, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, Utility, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Two Further Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Attached Garage and Large Gardens. Oil Fired Central Heating, Oak PVC Double Glazing, Fascias and Soffits. Viewing Fully Recommended. NO CHAIN.

Offers in Region of £207,000

Campbell Close, Oswestry

A 3 bed det. family house which benefits from a Garage, Carport and Conservatory. The property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Kitchen/Dining Room, Conservatory, First Floor Landing, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Majority PVC Double Glazing, Driveway and Further Gravel Area suitable for caravan/boat storage. Neatly landscaped gardens to front, side and rear. VIEWING FULLY RECOMENDED.

Offers in Region of £169,950

Upper Lord Street, Oswestry

Conveniently placed for local town amenities a well appointed 2 bedroom end terraced town house to the market which briefly comprises: Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, First Floor Landing, Two Bedrooms, Shower Room, Gas Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Enclosed Yard to Rear. NO CHAIN. Early viewing recommended.

Offers in Region of £94,950

Treflach, Nr Oswestry

4 bed det oak framed village residence which has been constructed to this exceptionally high specification to include Kenton Jones bespoke luxury fitted Kitchen, Impressive Living Room with feature vaulted ceiling and exposed stone fireplace with two bespoke handmade staircases to upper floor level, oil fired central heating incorporating underfloor heating to ground floor level, double glazing, driveway providing ample off road parking, attached double garage with first floor office and gardens. TRULY A MUST SEE PROPERTY.

Price Guide £450,000

Powys Place, Oswestry

A two bedroom mid terraced town house which is convenient for local town centre amenities and benefits from a useful attic room (presently utilised as a third bedroom) together with rear garden. The property also comprises: Living Room, Kitchen/Dining Room, Ground Floor Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating and PVC double glazing where stated. Viewing fully recommended by the owners agents.

Offers in Region of £105,000

Fernhill Lane, Gobowen

A two bedroom semi detached bungalow which enjoys a pleasant location and briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, PVC Double Glazing, Driveway providing ample parking and enviable size garden to rear.

Offers in Region of £110,000

Upper Well Close, Oswestry

7 bed executive det dwelling house which briefly comprises: Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Living Room, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility Room, First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom Ensuite, Guest Bedroom Two Ensuite, Three Further First Floor Bedrooms and Family Bathroom, Second Floor Landing, Two Extremely Spacious Second Floor Bedrooms and Bathroom. Alarm System, Gas Fired CH, DG, Driveway and Attached Double Garage. Generous Gardens.

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Well Appointed Three Bedroom Detached House Occupying Attractive Corner Plot In Quiet Area Overlooking The Town
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Detached three bedroomed split level house
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- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three Double Beds
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Detached three bedroomed family house in sought after residential area
- G/F C/H, D/G
- Reception Hall
- Kitchen & utility
- Dining room
- Sitting room & Lounge
- Dressing room
- Large garage

JJD778

£349,950

OSWESTRY

Three Bedroomed Detached Bungalow Occupying a Quiet Elevated Position Within Walking Distance of The Town
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Garden Room
- Garage

JJD792

£159,950

WHITTINGTON, NR. OSWESTRY

Exceptionally Well appointed Four Bedroomed Detached House
- G/F C/H, D/G
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen Diner
- Bathroom & Cloakroom
- Garage
- Attractive Rear Gardens
- Short Walking Distance From Village
- Corner Plot

JJD783

£199,950

OSWESTRY

- Excellent Investment Opportunity
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JJD708

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WHITTINGTON

Village property offering excellent scope for improvement/redevelopment.
- Four Bed. Detached Bungalow
- Two Reception Rooms
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A two bedroom barn conversion situated in an idyllic rural location with a wealth of character features.

- 2 Bed (1 With Balcony)
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- Garden
- Idyllic Rural Location
- Character Features

Ysgubor Y Graig, Llangedwyn

Price: £189,950 Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

Set in a tranquil picturesque location, this well appointed three / four bedroom barn conversion needs to be viewed to be truly appreciated.

- 3/4 Bedroom
- Ample Parking
- Gardens
- Picturesque Location
- Oil Central Heating

Trem Y Gyrn, Llangedwyn

Price: £250,000 Contact Ellesmere

NEW NO CHAIN

An apartment offering light and bright accommodation located a short walk from Oswestry Town Centre

- 2 Bedrooms (Master & En-Suite)
- Open Plan Living
- Kitchen With Floor To Ceiling Windows
- Contemporary Accommodation
- Walking Distance To Town

Apartment 2, The Carriages, Oswestry

Price: £115,000 Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

An apartment offering light and bright accommodation located a short walk from Oswestry Town Centre.

- Open Plan Living
- 2 Bedrooms
- Floor To Ceiling Windows To Kitchen
- Balcony
- Contemporary Accommodation

Apartment 6, The Carriages, Oswestry

Price: £110,000 Contact Oswestry

NEW

A three bedroom semi detached family home situated in a most picturesque rural location in the Tanat Valley.

- 3 Bedroom (2 Double)
- Picturesque Rural Location
- Ample Parking
- Gardens
- Conservatory
- Double Glazing

Maes Watkin, Llangedwyn

Price: £132,500 Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

A detached family home with fantastic views of the Shropshire Plain. In need of some updating with majority of the living accommodation on the first floor.

- 2 Double Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Gardens
- Parking
- Double Glazing
- Requires Improvement

Stone Croft, Pant

Price: £195,000 Contact Oswestry

NEW

A DETACHED FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOM family home situated in a small rural Hamlet on the Welsh Border. This property must be viewed to appreciate the spacious accommodation, location and gardens.

- 4 Double Bedrooms (Master & En-Suite)
- Double Garage & Parking
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Gardens
- Picturesque Location

Denali, Penygarnedd

Price: £249,950 Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

A rare opportunity to purchase a DETACHED family home ripe for a scheme of updating and modernisation. This property sits centrally in its generous size plot with views to Trefonen Road and overlooking the Marches Playing Fields.

- 3 Bedroom
- Garage & Parking
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Ripe For Updating
- Generous Plot
- Sought After Location

Croeswylan Crescent, Oswestry

Price: £164,950 Contact Oswestry

NEW

A three bedroom detached cottage situated a in a semi rural location near to the canal and with views to the Breidden Hills.

- 3 Bedroom Detached Cottage
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Gardens
- Outside Store
- Oil Central Heating
- Double Glazing

Hazel Cottage, Wern

Price: £175,000 Contact Oswestry

NEW NO CHAIN

A TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM BRAND NEW detached bungalow situated in a most sought after and popular village.

- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Conservatory
- Architects Certificate
- Kitchen With High Gloss Units
- Ample Car Parking

Nobold Close, Baschurch

Price: £235,000 Contact Oswestry

NEW

An imposing Grade II listed Georgian family home situated in a most convenient location with excellent commuter links and leisure pursuits nearby.

- 4 En-Suite Bedrooms
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Ample Parking
- Gardens
- Solid Oak Kitchen
- Contemporary Interiors

Parkgate Lodge, Chirk

Price: £415,000 Contact Oswestry

A four bedroom detached village family home within walking distance to village amenities, popular primary school and excellent bus links.

- 4 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
- 3 Reception Areas
- Gas CH & DG
- Garage & Parking
- Gardens
- Viewing Recommended

Aspen Grange, Weston Rhyn

Price: £189,950 Contact Oswestry

Dating back to the 17th century with later additions a former smithy situated in an idyllic rural location just off a no through lane and 0.5 miles from the main road giving easy access to Oswestry and Welshpool

- 4 Bedroom Detached
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Approx 0.5 Acre Of Garden
- Ample Parking
- Former Smithy
- Idyllic Rural Location

Bryn Teg, Meifod

Price: £284,950 Contact Oswestry

NEW PRICE

A three bedroom semi detached property situated in a quiet cul de sac location within walking distance to Oswestry town centre and within walking distance to open countryside and lovely walks.

- 3 Bedroom Semi
- Garage & Parking
- Gardens
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Quiet Cul De Sac

Denham Drive, Oswestry

Price: £140,000 Contact Oswestry

NO CHAIN

An immaculate detached two bedroom bungalow situated in a pleasant quiet location within a popular village. It is rare that such a property becomes available offering the following accommodation

- 2 Bed Detached Bungalow
- Garage & Parking
- Gardens
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Quiet Cul De Sac

Park Fechan Gardens, Whittington

Price: £149,950 Contact Oswestry

A four bedroom character property situated in a sought after hamlet location.

- 4 Bedroom Character Property
- Sought After Hamlet Location
- Oil Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Open Countryside Views
- Gardens
- Ample Parking

Weston View, Wern

Price: £239,995 Contact Oswestry

A four bedroom detached family home situated in a quiet cul de sac location in a pleasant and popular village. This property is warmed by gas fired central heating and benefits from UPVC double glazing

- 4 Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Garage & Parking
- Village Location

Yew Tree Close, Whittington

Price: £189,950 Contact Oswestry

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5 BED DET HOUSE
5 RECEPTION ROOMS
RECENTLY EXTENDED
3 EN SUITE BATHROOMS
OIRO £365,000

NEW

Oswestry **THE OLD CHAPEL**
4 BED CHARACTER PROPERTY
5 RECEPTION ROOMS
UTILITY ROOM
ENVIABLE VIEWS
£249,999

Four Crosses **5 CHESTNUT CLOSE**
4 BED DET HOUSE
3 RECEPTION ROOMS
CONSERVATORY
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
OIRO £229,950

NEW PRICE

Oswestry **37 HAMPTON ROAD**
3/4 DET DORMER BUNGALOW
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
OIRO £229,000

West Felton **BREIDDEN**
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
DOUBLE GLAZING
OIRO £224,950

Oswestry **1 SOUTHGATE CLOSE**
4 BED DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED
3 RECEPTION ROOMS
OIRO £219,950

Weston Rhyn **9 LONG CROFT**
4 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
MODERN KITCHEN
DOWNSTAIRS WC
OIRO £212,995

NEW

Llansilin **BERWYNFA**
3 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
OIL CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £199,950

NEW

Oswestry **4 GLENTWORTH RISE**
4 BED DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
DOWNSTAIRS W.C
OIRO £194,950

St Martins **2 COTTAGE FIELDS**
3/4 BED DET BUNGALOW
EXTENSIVE CORNER PLOT
D/G WHERE STATED
GAS C/H
OIRO £189,950

Oswestry **THE COTTAGE**
3/4 BED DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £189,950

Llanymynech **COED Y LADE**
3/4 BED DET BUNGALOW
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
SHOWER ROOM
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
OIRO £189,950

Morda **THE CEDARS**
3/4 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
INTEGRAL GARAGE
GAS CENTAL HEATING
OIRO £184,950

Oswestry **20 CROXON RISE**
3 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
LIVING ROOM/ DINER
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
OFFERS OVER £180,000

Oswestry **123 MIDDLETON ROAD**
3 BED DET DORMER BUNG
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
D/S SHOWER ROOM
OIRO £179,950

Oswestry **23 CROXON RISE**
3 BED DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £174,950

Oswestry **7 ST. JAMES CLOSE**
4 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
OFFERS OVER £174,500

NEW PRICE

Oswestry **7 OLD MAPSIS WAY**
3 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
DOWNSTAIRS WC
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £169,950

Oswestry **11 PARK AVENUE**
3 BED DET HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
PERIOD FEATURES
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £154,950

Oswestry **73 LIVERPOOL ROAD**
3 BED TERRACE HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
DOWNSTAIRS WC
UTILITY ROOM
OIRO £145,500

NEW

Oswestry **15 BROOKHOUSE ROAD**
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
DOWNSTAIRS W.C & SHOWER ROOM
CONSERVATORY
OIRO £139,950

NEW

West Felton **9 THE WILLOWS**
3 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
PRICED TO SELL
VILLAGE LOCATION
OIRO £121,950

NEW PRICE

Oswestry **30 MONKMOOR ROAD**
2 BED SEMI DET BUNG
NO CHAIN
SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION
D/G WHERE STATED
OIRO £115,950

Oswestry **6 VICTORIA STREET**
2 BED TERRACED HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
TOWN LOCATION
OIRO £114,950

Oswestry **17 MARSH FIELDS**
2 BED SEMI-DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
UTILITY ROOM
SUN ROOM
OIRO £114,950

Oswestry **14 KING STREET**
2 BED END TERRACE
NO CHAIN
LIVING/DINING ROOM
NEWLY REFURBISHED
OIRO £109,950

NEW

Oswestry **19 CAE MELIN AVENUE**
2 BED TERRACE
NO CHAIN
OFF ROAD PARKING
DOWNSTAIRS W.C
OIRO £97,500

Oswestry **ABRAHAM COURT**
1 BED APARTMENT
RETIREMENT PROPERTY
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SECURITY ENTRANCE
OFFERS OVER £79,950

NEW PRICE

Oswestry **1 APPLEWOOD CLOSE**
1 BED DET BUNGALOW
NO CHAIN
DOUBLE GLAZING
VILLAGE LOCATION
OFFERS OVER £69,950

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Llanymynech **3 Y CLAWDD**
4 BED DET HOUSE
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TO LET

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3 RECEPTION ROOMS
PCM £625

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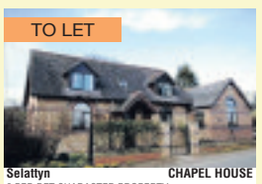

Selattyn **CHAPEL HOUSE**
3 BED DET CHARACTER PROPERTY
3 RECEPTION ROOMS
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OIL CENTRAL HEATING
PCM £625

TO LET

Oswestry **38 ABRAHAM COURT**
1 BED 1ST FLOOR RETIREMENT APARTMENT
DOUBLE GLAZING
SECURITY DOOR & LIFT
GUEST ACCOMM AVAILABLE
PCM £470

TO LET

Oswestry **60 ABRAHAM COURT**
1 BED 2ND FLOOR RETIREMENT APARTMENT
SECURITY DOOR & LIFT
GUEST ACCOMM AVAILABLE
RENT INCLUDES SERVICE CHARGE & WATER RATES
PCM £470

TO LET

Llansantffraid **CEFNUCHA**
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Guide Price: £630,000 2910

Llandrinio, Llanymynech

An individually designed detached family house set in good sized gardens with adjoining two acre paddock (further land available by separate negotiation), having indoor swimming pool set in separate detached block with adjoining offices and integral single garage. It also has a further attached double garage, oil CH, and PVC DG. Hall, sitting room, dining room, family room/study, large sun room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, cloakroom, four double bedrooms, two en-suite shower rooms, family bathroom. Conveniently situated on the outskirts of the village and within easy travelling distance of Oswestry, Shrewsbury and Welshpool.

Guide Price: £550,000 3078

Llanyblodwel

A detached Grade II Listed country property, which has been renovated over recent years retaining the character and features of the original building. Entrance hall with cloaks lobby, sitting room having the original stone fire surround, dining room, living room, kitchen, utility room, galleried landing, master bedroom, guest bathroom, second floor spacious bedroom/games/office area. Outside there is an independent office/library. Gardens to the front and rear, ample parking, garage. For further information contact our Oswestry office on 01691 655334.

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Llangedwyn, Oswestry

A detached stone built residence with a separate detached one bedroom cottage annexe, set in gardens and grounds extending to approximately 1.75 acres. The property has been has been designed and rebuilt by the present owners to provide a spacious and comfortable family home with stunning views. The main house comprises; feature reception hall, sitting room, large dining room, kitchen, downstairs shower room, three double bedrooms and family bathroom. The annexe comprises; kitchen, sitting room, downstairs shower room, and large bedroom.

Guide Price: £550,000 3027

Llansantffraid

A detached property which has been totally re-designed and refurbished to make a spacious family home or as a small luxury B&B which is what it is currently being utilised for. Reception hall, feature central hallway, sitting room, conservatory, large dining room, study suite, small gym, kitchen/breakfast room, family room, laundry room, downstairs bedroom with en-suite shower room, mezzanine landing/sitting area, three double bedrooms with en-suite bathroom/shower rooms. PVC DG, propane gas CH, triple carport, easily maintained gardens, ample parking.

Guide Price: £425,000 2991

Llangedwyn, Oswestry

An attractive and extremely spacious, detached barn conversion, with uPVC DG, electric storage heating, wood burner, double garage, gardens and small paddock amounting in all to over one acre or thereabouts. Entrance hall, main reception hall, living room, dining room, cloaks/WC, large farmhouse style kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, large landing, four good bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family shower room. Occupying a delightful rural position set in the middle of its garden grounds, enjoying superb country views over the surrounding fields and beyond.

Guide Price: £449,950 2744

Llanyblodwel, Oswestry

A unique riverside property, renovated and modernised to an exceptionally high standard including many traditional period features. Reception hall, open plan living room with modern fitted kitchen, utility room with WC, dining room, drawing room, four double bedrooms, en-suite bathroom, family bathroom. Set in its own tranquil grounds and abuts the River Tanat, situated in the quiet residential village of Llanyblodwel. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £410,000 2802

Edgerley, Oswestry

A charming, Grade II Listed detached period cottage with self contained annexe/garage block. Hall, living room, dining room, family/games room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, WC, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, two further bedrooms, family bathroom. Parking, gardens extending to approx 0.6 acre including greenhouse and polytunnel. Occupying a pleasant rural location in the hamlet of Edgerley, being about 12 miles from Shrewsbury and Oswestry.

Guide Price: £399,000 2717

Off Cemetery Lane, Guilsfield

An extremely spacious, modern detached family house, with gas CH, uPVC DG, double garage and very large south facing rear garden. It occupies a pleasant and very convenient central village position within short walking distance of a range of local amenities, and being about three miles north of Welshpool. Large impressive reception hall, cloaks/WC, large living room, dining room, family room/study, kitchen with built in appliances, utility room, large landing, five bedrooms, en-suite bathroom, and family bathroom.

Guide Price: £375,000 2891

Haughton, Llandrinio

A four bedroom detached property offering good sized accommodation, and having oil CH and pleasant rural outlooks to the rear. Entrance hall, sitting room with inglenook fireplace, dining room with inglenook fireplace, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, downstairs cloakroom, three good sized double bedrooms and one large single bedroom, and family bathroom. Situated with adjoining paddock extending to approximately 3.75 acres or thereabouts.

Guide Price: £350,000 1962

Pontrobert, Meifod

A charming mid 16th century detached Grade II Listed cottage with gardens to the front, rear and side, set on the outskirts of a delightful and popular village. Entrance hall, dining room, snug/office, fully fitted kitchen, utility room/cloaks, sitting room, landing/sitting area, three double bedrooms, family bathroom. For further details or to arrange a viewing contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £338,000 2856

Boot Street, Whittington

A deceptively spacious detached bungalow renovated throughout to an exceptionally high standard, situated in its own grounds within the popular residential village of Whittington. Hall, open plan sitting room, dining room, study area, modern fully fitted kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, two en-suite bedrooms, further double bedroom, shower room. Gas CH, ample parking, large gardens with pleasant aspect to the fore and rear. Conveniently positioned close to the centre of the village. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £315,000 2778

Heldre Lane, Trewern

An attractive, spacious, modern detached family house, having oil CH, uPVC DG, large double garage, ample parking, and gardens. It occupies a very pleasant rural position in this popular village, located approx four miles from Welshpool and 14 miles from Shrewsbury, and enjoying lovely country views towards wooded hills in the distance. Spacious hall, living room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, side porch, downstairs WC, cloakroom, four double bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom.

Guide Price: £295,000 2904

Crickheath, Oswestry

A charming detached property, built at the same time as the Montgomery Canal, with spacious well maintained accommodation offering original cottage features. It occupies tranquil location and rural aspect make this an ideal rural retreat. There is a useful garden store, garage and greenhouses, together with a summerhouse, the garden is mainly laid to lawn intersected with mature shrubs and trees. hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, three nedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £295,000

Horsemarket, Oswestry

An impressive spacious semi-detached period property restored to an exceptional standard, set in a convenient central town oasis location, within a part of Oswestry that is a conservation area. The well planned accommodation briefly comprises; entrance hall, drawing room, dining room, large breakfast kitchen, utility and ironing room, cellar, luxury fitted bathroom with double shower and roll top bath, and four double bedrooms. Fine gardens, grounds and patio, external parking for three cars. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £265,000

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Guide Price: £139,500 2985

Gobowen, Oswestry

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2 RECEPTION ROOMS
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DOUBLE GLAZING
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4 BED DET HOUSE
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NO CHAIN
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
OIL CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £199,950

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4 BED DET HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
DOWNSTAIRS W.C
OIRO £194,950

St Martins **2 COTTAGE FIELDS**
3/4 BED DET BUNGALOW
EXTENSIVE CORNER PLOT
D/G WHERE STATED
GAS C/H
OIRO £189,950

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GAS CENTAL HEATING
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LIVING ROOM/ DINER
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
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3 BED DET DORMER BUNG
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2 RECEPTION ROOMS
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2 RECEPTION ROOMS
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GAS CENTRAL HEATING
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Oswestry **7 OLD MAPSIS WAY**
3 BED DET HOUSE
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DOWNSTAIRS WC
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
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2 RECEPTION ROOMS
PERIOD FEATURES
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
OIRO £154,950

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VILLAGE LOCATION
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D/G WHERE STATED
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2 BED TERRACED HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
TOWN LOCATION
OIRO £114,950

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NO CHAIN
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SUN ROOM
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2 BED END TERRACE
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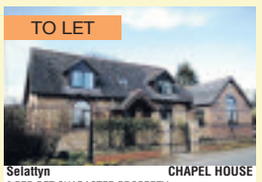

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A deceptively spacious and attractive semi-detached house in rural hamlet

- 2 bedrooms, large living room and study.
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PROPERTIES OF THE WEEK

Well-presented house for sale with no chain

Offers in the region of £194,950 are invited for number 4 Glentworth Rise, Oswestry, which is priced to sell with no upward chain. This well-presented detached house is a former show home with two reception rooms, a downstairs wc, utility room, master bedroom with ensuite shower room and three further bedrooms. The property benefits from gas-fired central heating, double glazing, an integral garage and an attractive low-maintenance landscaped rear garden.

For further information please contact Woodhead Estates on 01691 680044 or visit www.woodheadestates.com

Roomy terraced property has been tastefully extended

A traditional end terrace home which has been tastefully extended is on the market for £159,950. The property in Western Avenue, Whittington, near Oswestry, includes gas central heating, double glazing, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, cloaks/wc and study. On the first floor is a master bedroom with walk-in dressing room, three further bedrooms and family bathroom. There is a garden to the front with parking and a large rear garden with hardstanding for a garage.

For further information please contact Norman Lloyd & Co on 01691 653243 or visit www.normanlloyd.co.uk

Good-sized family semi has been completely revamped

On the market for £119,950, number 1 Oak Drive, St Martins, is a spacious and comfortably appointed semi-detached home that has undergone complete refurbishment. The generous accommodation includes entrance hall, large sitting/dining room, brand new kitchen, utility, three excellent bedrooms and bathroom with a new luxury suite. The property has double glazing, gas-fired central heating and lawned gardens. All windows have Stratford vertical blinds which are included in the sale.

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Four-bedroom detached bungalow is smartly presented

A very well presented four-bedroom detached bungalow is for sale with a guide price of ££249,950. The downstairs accommodation at The Croft, Ellesmere Road, St Martins, comprises a porch, entrance hall, reception hall, lounge with multi-fuel burner and French doors to a decked area, spacious breakfast kitchen, utility, bathroom and two bedrooms, one with fitted wardrobes. Upstairs are two further bedrooms and a cloaks/wc. There are pretty gardens, a driveway and double garage/workshop.

For further details please contact Samuel Wood on 01691 659951 or visit www.samuelwood.co.uk

Smart Victorian terrace ideally located for country walks

A charming mid terrace Victorian property in the pretty village of Llanrhaeadr Ym.Mochnant is for sale at the reduced price of £109,950. Glan Rhyd, Waterfall Street, benefits from oil central heating and an open fire in the lounge together with a fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom and a loft room. There is a cottage style garden to the rear. Being close to Llanrhaeadr Waterfall, this property is also ideally located for country walks and outdoor activities.

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Extended country home has large gardens and paddock

An extended detached home in Melverley, between Oswestry and Shrewsbury, is on sale for offers around £450,000. Set in 1.8 acres, including landscaped gardens, a pony paddock, pond, orchard and wildlife area, The Forge occupies an unspoilt rural spot with delightful views. The property includes a lounge, sitting/dining room, breakfast kitchen with electric Aga and duel fuel range cooker, utility, cloakroom, four bedrooms, one ensuite, bathroom, and quadruple garage/workshop.

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Greg

Of Kinnerley, Oswestry, on August 25, 2012, following a short illness, aged 90 years. A much loved Father to Ann, the dearly loved Husband of the late Doris Miller.

Service at St Mary's Church, Kinnerley, Oswestry on Friday, September 7, 2012, at 11.30am.

No flowers by request.

Donations if wished will be divided between Help for Heroes and St Mary's Church, Kinnerley, for which purpose a collection plate will be made available at the Church.

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PALMER

Gwyneth

Passed away peacefully on August 28, 2012, aged 82 years.

Dearly loved Wife of the late Ivor.

Funeral Service at Carreg Llwyd Evangelical Church, Oswestry, on Wednesday, September 12, at 2pm, followed by Interment at Oswestry Cemetery.

Family flowers only, donations if desired to Carreg Llwyd Evangelical Church and Hope House Children's Respite Hospice.

Inquiries to

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TEAGUE

Kath

Passed away peacefully at Fairholme, Oswestry, on Sunday, August 26, 2012, aged 92 years.

Will be sadly missed by Family and Friends.

With special thanks to the Staff at Fairholme for their loving care.

Funeral Service at Oswestry Methodist Church, on Tuesday, September 11, at 2pm, followed by Cremation at Pentrebychan Crematorium, Wrexham.

Family flowers only, donations if desired to Oswestry Methodist Church.

Inquiries to

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Acknowledgements

KERRY

Leslie

Kym and Ben would like to thank everyone for their messages of sympathy and attendance at the Funeral, for the kind donations given in Les' memory for Ward 22, The Umberella Appeal.

A special thank you to Barry and Margaret for all their help, to Mr. Phil Niblock and to Pete Jones of Frank Painter & Sons Funeral Directors.

TIPTON

Nola Mary

Jane would sincerely like to thank all Family, Friends and Neighbours for the kindness, support and lovely messages of sympathy on the sad loss of her dear Mother.

Thanks also to everyone for attendance at the Funeral, the very generous donations and to Pete Jones of Frank Painter & Sons Funeral Directors for his professionalism and support.

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Poultry show marks year of success

A RARE breed poultry show in Oswestry celebrating its first anniversary is having to turn people away after exhibitors flocked in from across the country.

Organisers of Oswestry & District Rare Breed Poultry Sale said visitor numbers had doubled to about 500 since the first auction at Oswestry Showground, in Park Hall, a year ago.

The idea was to create an annual event but demand for the auction was so high there are now five; in February, April, June and August. Now organisers hope to have another in October.

In the first sale 200 pens of chickens were on display. A year later there were more than 300 pens and, due to space restrictions, organisers turned away about an extra 150 pens worth.

Andy Cawthray of Chickenstreet near Oswestry, organised the events with the help of Roger Parry & Partners. He said: "It has certainly put Oswestry on the map for poultry auctions. We have had to turn away pens of birds and people are getting entry forms quickly so they can get a pen.

"We are happy about the way it has been received in the area."

Before the auction was set up in Oswestry people were having to travel to a sale near Salisbury. Mr Cawthray said there were plans to make sales even better, including bringing in judges to give top poultry rosettes.

To book a stand call (01691) 657178 or Roger Parry & Partners on (01691) 655334.

Quiet start plans for one-stop shop

by Graham Breeze

CONTROVERSIAL plans to create a one-stop shop for council and other services at Oswestry Library will be quietly introduced and trialled, officials say.

People who have had concerns about Shropshire Council's plans to crate a service hub were invited to a walkthrough event at the library today, Thursday.

Officials at Shirehall want to bring voluntary and council services together inside the library and has already made changes to the layout of the building. Training has also been given to staff members.

Councillor Martin Bennett, who represents Oswestry East on Shropshire Council, said: "We are not having a grand opening. It is going to be a quiet transfer and it is also going to be very closely monitored.

"September 6 is an opportunity for members of the public expressing reservations to be invited in to see how it is proposed the hub will operate.

Convenience

"What we felt was we needed to give it at least a trial. If we didn't we would never know whether it would work or not."

Councillor Keith Barrow, leader of Shropshire Council, said:"What was agreed was we are going to trial it and see if it can work. It has worked in other places. Let's hope it is successful."

Council officials said some of the space in the library building is unused and the aim of a community hub is to improve the range of services to residents. They said it will also give people the convenience of accessing services in one place.

Displays about the proposed scheme were put up in Oswestry Library and Castle View for residents and library users to comment.

Some residents were unhappy about the idea and Antonia Higgins, 15, created an online document because she feared 'the place I adore the most in Oswestry is going to be ruined'.

One in ten are parking illegally in disabled bays

ONE IN 10 people in Powys admits to parking illegally in spaces reserved for disabled motorists, a new survey has revealed.

The worst offenders were drivers aged between 45 and 55, among whom one in six confessed they used reserved spaces 'often'.

The abuse of the Blue Badge system emerged in a survey of 1,009 people conducted on behalf of the Welsh Government as part of a drive to encourage respect for parking rights of disabled vehicle users.

The initiative was supported by Paralympic athlete Baroness Tanni Grey Thomson, herself a blue badge holder.

It follows the introduction of new-style Blue Badges.

The badge contains additional security features to help authorities identify improper use and prevent forgeries and is free in Wales.

The Welsh Government has vowed to crack down on so-called 'space invaders' who either park in a designated space without a badge or use a badge fraudulently.

More than 70 per cent of respondents in Powys said it was unacceptable to park in an accessible space without a permit, with only eight per cent arguing it was acceptable for someone in a hurry.

Tango time at hall

Sharon Koch from Pant near Oswestry, who will be teaching the Argentine Tango at Pant Village Hall.

The Argentine Tango is on its way to a village hall near Oswestry. Dance teacher Sharon Koch, from Pant, is starting a two day introductory course for men and women.

The introductory course will take place at Pant Village Hall on September 22 and September 29 from 12pm until 6pm and the course will then continue each week on a Wednesday evening at the village hall from 6pm-7pm costing £5 a session.

Ms Koch said past classes in the area have numbers ranging from 12 to 15 people taking part. They have been aged between 40-50 years old but recently she has seen more people in their 30s taking part in classes.

She said it is important that the classes keep a gender balance so people will need to book in couples. Single people can be placed on a list to see if they can be matched.

The course costs £55 per person and includes tea, coffee and biscuits. For more information email sharontango@gmail.com or visit tangoin.co.uk

Water tanks plan to aid firefighting

PLANS for three external water tanks to improve firefighting capabilities at an abattoir which employs 700 people in north Shropshire have been lodged with Shirehall officials.

Bosses at ABP Food Group want to build the tanks on land at their plant in Hordley, near Ellesmere.

A control building also features in the plans.

A design and access statement in support of the application says: "This application is to upgrade and augment existing fire fighting capabilities within the site including construction of a fire fighting sprinkler holding tank, a firewater retention tank and associate sprinkler control building and fuel bund.

"It is proposed to relocate the water tank, previously granted under another planning application.

"It is considered that this proposed development will augment the existing facility and will help protect the 700 on site employees."

A public consultation period ends on September 13.

Friendly club looking for some new recruits

A FELLOWSHIP group for bereaved women, which meets in Ellesmere each month, is on the lookout for new members to join up.

Ellesmere Widows' Friendly Club is described as a 'lively group of ladies', who meet on the first Thursday of every month at 10.30am at the Black Lion in Ellesmere. An informal coffee morning is also held every Thursday at 10am.

Call Eileen on (01691) 624028 for details.

Workshop on weaving

THE secrets of willow basket weaving were revealed at a workshop at Oswestry's Willow Gallery last Saturday.

The session ran from 10am to 4pm and were hosted by Helen and Kalvin Stanley. The couple have more than 15 years of basket weaving and teaching experience and the workshop allowed people to create their own unique willow basket.

Festival is postponed over acts shortage

ORGANISERS of a major music festival in Ellesmere have been forced to postpone the event because they have 'run out of time' to secure acts, it has been revealed.

Ellesmere Chamber of Commerce was due to hold the festival on September 15. But they have said they have failed to sign up enough bands in time and the event will now not take place until next spring.

Traders were hoping it would have filled the void left by Ellesmere Proms in the Park after organisers had to pull the plug on last year's event due to a lack of funds.

Lincoln McMullan, chairman of Ellesmere Chamber of Commerce, said: "We have been forced to postpone the music festival.

"We ran out of time and couldn't get enough bands.

"I am sorry but we didn't want to do it half-heartedly and wanted to put 100 per cent into it.

"But it will definitely still go ahead. We are looking at April or May next year.

"We are also looking at holding it in conjunction with Ellesmere Regatta. They would look after the day and we would sort of take over in the evenings."

The idea behind next month's event was to hold the festival at different public locations across the town.

Police crackdown after rise in anti-social behaviour

POLICE are increasing patrols in Oswestry after a rise in anti-social behaviour which has seen vehicles and homes targeted by vandals.

Cars and homes in some residential areas of the town have been daubed in paint and there has also been a number of rubbish fires lit in recent weeks.

Sergeant Scott Barnes, based at Oswestry police station, said patrols had been increased in the areas where there had been 'inappropriate behaviour'.

He said a number of Police and Communities Together meetings would be held in September for those still harbouring concerns to raise issues.

by Graham Breeze

In one recent incident residents in York Street, Liverpool Road, Ash Road, Lloyd Street and Lorne Street woke to find some homes and cars had emulsion paint daubed on them during the night.

Mr Barnes said: "I can't remember the last time we had anything similar with paint on so many vehicles.

"It was on various different cars and houses.

"There has been none since so I am hoping that was a one off."

He said anyone with any concerns or information about the incident could go to one of their PACT meetings.

The next will be at Homebase in Oswestry at 11am on September 23. There will then be one at Oswestry Library on October 10 at 12pm and at Homebase again at 11am on November 25.

"If people are concerned they can meet the local officers," Mr Barnes said.

"If they have heard anything and didn't want to phone the Crimestoppers number they can talk to us face to face at PACT."

He said that police also carried out a leaflet drop in Castlefields after there was a number of rubbish fires in the area.

He said he wants residents to be aware of how they throw away rubbish to try and stop future fires.

"We are walking round every day and if there are things that have been dumped and could cause a hazard we are asking for them to be cleaned up," he said.

Attacker, 26, is sentenced

AN OSWESTRY woman who shoved a neighbour to the ground, fracturing her wrist and causing a nosebleed, has been ordered to do 200 hours' unpaid work.

Juliet Miller, 46, of Castlefields, appeared for sentencing at Shrewsbury Crown Court.

The court heard she previously admitted inflicting grievous bodily harm to neighbour Susan Davenport on July 1 last year.

Mr Robert Edwards, prosecuting, said Miller pushed Miss Davenport over while accusing her of being to blame for a separate attack on her partner earlier on the same day. He added that Miller kicked her victim once while she was on the ground, but that it caused no further injury.

Mr Darron Whitehead, for Miller, said the attack by his client was 'out of character'.

Judge Peter Barrie ordered Miller to serve a 12-month community order with 200 hours' unpaid work. He said she must pay Miss Davenport £100 compensation, but he did not order Miller to pay £1,800 costs.

Sonia Eckhart-Hopkins, Zumba teacher.

Sonia goes for gold at fitness class

WALFORD and North Shropshire College is offering a totally new Zumba Gold exercise class his month.

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Tutor Sonia Eckhart-Hopkins has been a qualified 'Exercise to Music Teacher' for five years and has knowledge of anatomy and physiology. After trying traditional Zumba for herself, and deciding it was not for her, she opted to train as a Zumba Gold teacher and has been incorporating the routines into her exercise classes for the past 12 months.

She said: "Zumba Gold goes down very well. I use well known, well loved music that my students enjoy and that they can sing along to."

Sonia teaches all the steps as she goes along and there are short breaks in between routines.

The 10-week course will take place at the Eastern Oswestry Community Centre starting on September 20. Call 01691 688000.

Cuts see one town bobby on the beat

ELLESMERE is down to its last beat bobby because of huge police spending cuts, it has emerged.

Ellesmere's police station in Grange Road was home to as many as three full police officers in 2010, but now there is just one – Constable Paul Crump. There are two community support officers.

The news has prompted urgent calls from councillors for extra police manpower to be deployed in the town.

It has also sparked fears that other towns could be facing cuts as West Mercia Police battles to balance the books after being ordered to save £30 million. According to the police website, Wem Town and Whitchurch South, West and North policing areas both have a mixture of five police officers, community support officers and special constables.

Ann Hartley, Shropshire Council member for Ellesmere, said: "It's completely inappropriate and I can frankly see them closing the station down because I was told it needs a refurbishment to satisfy disabled access legislation."

Lincoln McMullan, chairman of the Ellesmere Chamber of Commerce, said: "I think it's a disgrace."

West Mercia Police said decisions about staffing are in limbo until an elected Police and Crime Commissioner is appointed.

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New bus service is a boost to pupils

BUS operators are operating a new service for Weston Rhyn schoolchildren.

The bus will travel to The Marches School, via the bus station in Oswestry, during the week.

Arriva Midlands announced the extra journey would be on route 2A on school days from September 3, in response to a request from the school, leaving Weston Rhyn Institute at 8.03am.

Keith Myatt, communications manager of Arriva Midlands, said: "Arriva Midlands is pleased to introduce the additional journey on school days following feedback from The Marches School."

Sarah Davies, school business manager, said: "We are delighted that Arriva has responded to our request and will be introducing the new route from the beginning of the autumn term."

Weston Rhyn Councillor Angela Bright said it was good to have a new bus service but was worried it could stop parents from sending youngsters to St Martins School.

She said: "The new service would mean people starting work at 8.30am could get the bus.

"My only concern towards it is that more people might be tempted to send children to The Marches rather than St Martins School."

Heavy rain fails to halt success of village show

by Graham Breeze

DESPITE the annual horse section being cancelled due to heavy rain Llansillin's annual show went ahead last week.

The village was alive with activity including the annual produce and handicrafts show, an exhibition celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and a dog show.

Valerie Burton, show committee member, said: "It is a small village and it is a special annual event which brings everyone together.

"It was wonderfully supported and there were hundreds and hundreds of people enjoying it. The village was very busy."

The horse show was cancelled for the first time in six years.

Attendance

The show was due to take place on a field in the village on August Bank Holiday Monday for a number of classes including show jumping. But organisers saw the weather forecast and decided to cancel the event for health and safety issues.

Julie Williams, from the show, said: "It was cancelled because of the weather conditions and the field conditions. It was for safety reasons more than anything. The show takes place on a field with an incline into it. There could have been trouble getting into it.

"With the weather forecast as it was we felt people weren't going to go to a show so we thought it was better to cancel it.

"It would have been the sixth year. Until now we have been very lucky with good weather and good attendance. But we were in the same boat as most of the shows this year. A lot of county shows were cancelled."

She said the money raised from the show would have gone to charity so the organisers didn't want to make a loss and charity miss out.

Poppy Ashford, seven, with her rainbow collage.

Harold Tomley judging vegetables at Llansilin Show.

Jenny Bradford judging the flowers.

Reminder on smoke alarms by fire chiefs

FIRE chiefs in Mid Wales are reminding people of the importance of having working smoke alarms inside their homes following a spate of kitchen fires.

Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue Service said it had attended a number of kitchen fires in the area in recent weeks, with the alarm being raised by smoke alarms, preventing serious damage and injuries to the residents.

Mick Higgins, fire service spokesman, said he was urging everyone to take advantage of free home fire safety checks offered by the service.

Essential

He said: "When it comes to a fire in your home, smoke alarms are essential pieces of equipment which beyond doubt save lives.

"They alert people to a fire in its early stages, allowing for those extra crucial minutes to evacuate the property and raise the alarm to the fire service.

"It is vitally important that you have a working smoke alarm in your home.

"To assist in this, you can request a free home fire safety assessment from the fire service."

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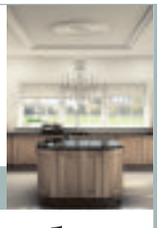

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Birthday party will help the elderly

A VOLUNTARY group of local businesswomen who support work with older people in Shropshire is celebrating its first anniversary.

Age UK North Shropshire Supporters have held a host of charity events since its launch last year and is holding its first birthday party next Thursday at the Wynnstay Hotel in Oswestry.

Shrewsbury-based Coverage Care is supporting the event, which organisers hope will raise funds and awareness of the work being done by Age UK Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin.

Sue Dewhirst, spokeswoman, said: "The event will provide us with an opportunity to make businesses in the area aware of the fundraising work we do and to ask them to consider regular giving or sponsorship.

"We're extremely grateful to Coverage Care which is sponsoring the event at the Wynnstay Hotel.

"The charity relies on the support of local businesses to be able to continue the important work being done locally by Age UK, particularly at the eight day care centres in the north of the county."

Tickets, priced at £25 per person, are still available for the event which starts at 7pm it includes a three course meal and piano bar.

Start Up Club in drive to launch 25 new businesses

A MAJOR drive will be launched in Oswestry to encourage young people to start up new businesses.

The Start Up Club for Young People aims to help launch at least 25 new businesses in 12 months in the town.

The project has already sealed £10,000 of funding from the Oswestry Economic Board and town councillors heard more about the programme at a meeting on Monday.

by Graham Breeze

A report to Monday's meeting said the programme's project director Fay Easton had outlined the proposals for the board.

It said: "Fay Easton explained the proposal was a £10,000 investment into a programme of Start Up Clubs targeting the under 24 age group developing new Start Up enterprises and creating 'entrepreneurial mind-sets'.

"It was proposed to have monthly clubs at locations to be confirmed, possibly Walford and North Shropshire College and the Guildhall.

"Online support will be provided together with keynote entrepreneurial events with the aim of creating a minimum of 25 new businesses over 12 months.

"Fay Easton expressed a desire to work with the markets officer at Oswestry Town Council to identify opportunities within the Oswestry retail markets and asked the board to consider establishing, in due course, a dedicated 'hub' highlighting beneficial requirements such as a stand alone facility in a business environment, ideally onsite parking, and natural light.

"While the survival rate of a young business Start Up was 30 per cent on average, where a hub is provided, an 80 to 90 per cent survival rate was evident."

The report said the £10,000 grant would be used on training, materials, books and business courses and the new partnership was not profit making.

The report added that the Oswestry Economic Board had expressed support and agreed the £10,000 funding.

Town councillors heard more about the project and on Monday at their finance and general purposes committee meeting and were asked to allow the Guildhall to be used for a monthly start up club.

Buses are welcome boost to school fleet

Oswestry School Headmaster Douglas Robb, left, and Arthurs of Oswestry Managing Director Nigel Williams.

TWO 62 registration plate Vauxhall Movano minibuses have been supplied to Oswestry School by local Vauxhall dealers Arthurs.

A handover took place between Arthurs managing director Nigel Williams and Oswestry School headmaster Douglas Robb on the day of the new plate change and start of the autumn school term.

Mr Robb said he was delighted to take ownership of the two 17-seater Vauxhall Movano minibuses in Oswestry School's livery and said they would be a valuable asset both to students and the school in the coming years.

For Nigel Williams, an 'old boy' of Oswestry School, the £60,000 order was a 'coup' for Arthurs Vauxhall. He said he was pleased to have won the order as the 605-year-old school had viewed various makes before making their choice.

"Their decision was based on the Vauxhall Movano's generous storage capacity, low emissions and fuel efficient Euro 5 2.3 litre diesel engine," said Mr Williams.

"I am very pleased to renew links with Oswestry School and hope the new mini buses will continue to help it go from strength to strength."

NEWS in brief

Brewer hopping with joy at rain

WHILE most people are complaining about the wettest summer for years, a beer brewer on the Shropshire/Welsh border is cheering the inclement weather.

Derek Jones, of the Barley Mow pub and the adjoining Offa's Dyke Brewery in Trefonen, near Oswestry, says this summer has brought a bumper crop of hops, which he is busily picking.

He follows Shropshire plant specialists David Austin Roses, which said it has been a really good year for the roses too.

Mr Jones said some of his hop crop has grown to up to 18ft tall.

He said: "It has been a wet summer but it has brought us a bumper crop.

"Some of the hops are about 18ft tall. We are picking it now to make our beer. It will be used to make Grim Reaper, a five per cent porter, and Offa's Pride, a 3.8 per cent bitter."

Law seminar to be held at hotel

BOOKINGS are now being taken for Lanyon Bowdler's next employment law seminar in Oswestry, which is being held on September 27 at the Wynnstay Hotel.

The event starts at 9am and ends at noon. It costs £17.50, which includes refreshments and brunch.

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Market will help charity causes

A CHARITY market will be staged on Oswestry's Bailey Head later this month giving good causes a chance to promote their work, raise money and recruit volunteers.

The market has been organised by community action group Qube and Oswestry Town Council and will be on September 14 from 9am to 3pm.

Charities attending include the Shropshire Wildlife Trust, Walking for Health, Oswestry Access Group and Save the Children.

Locals and visitors alike can come along and support some local charities while browsing gifts and goods for sale.

Singer is heading for the Ironworks

A SINGER described by Radio 2's Bob Harris as a 'deeply creative, caring artist who gives everything to her craft', is coming to Oswestry.

Eve Selis, along with Marc Intravia, will be at the Ironworks at 8pm on September 27. Tickets cost £10 and £12. Call (01691) 679123 for more details.

Off to Llandudno

A coach trip to Llandudno on September 8 will pick up in Ellesmere, Wem and Whitchurch and costs £10. For pick up times or to book, call Ann Whitfield on (01939) 232963.

Paramedic Julia back from first aid role at the Games

"YOU never know what you will come across when you go to work in the mornings," says paramedic Julia Foster. "It can be rewarding and at times upsetting but the job is brilliant."

The 43-year-old from Oswestry has been working for West Midlands Ambulance Service for most of her life and was the first female paramedic on a motorcycle in England.

She recently arrived back home after volunteering for 10 days with the British Red Cross at the Olympics in Weymouth where she gave first aid to spectators.

"The atmosphere was unbelievable with all the cheering and clapping," said Julia. "It was a wonderful buzz to be around."

She said there was only one major incident while she was there and she mainly dealt with children stubbing their toes, sunburn and broken fingers.

Volunteering in Weymouth will stick in her mind forever and she has made lots of friends. She even got a chance to watch some of the sporting events and managed to learn a little about sailing.

"Now I can say that I was at the Olympics," she said.

Julia moved to Gobowen from Telford 12 years ago with her husband Terry, who is also a paramedic and volunteer instructor.

She was born in Wednesbury but moved and went to school in Telford. When she was 23 she joined the West Midlands Ambulance Service. This was no surprise to her family as her uncle was a paramedic, her aunt a nurse, father a firefighter and one of her brothers also works as a fire-fighter.

As a trainee technician she carried out six weeks of training before completing a 12 month probation period. She qualified as a technician and was then qualified as a paramedic in 2000 after a intense training course and hospital placements.

The keen motorcyclist was the first woman paramedic on a motorbike but the area wasn't urban enough for the position to continue for long.

During her time working with the bike she was involved in a bad crash while on duty. Being a paramedic means she has seen many different things and helped people of all ages and social backgrounds.

WOMEN OF SUBSTANCE
with Chrissy Symmons

She has helped to deliver 14 babies and dealt with heart attacks, traumatic injuries and asthma attacks.

"I have seen so many different things in my career," she said.

Her husband is a member of the Red Cross and he invited her to join too.

She agreed and this was the reason why the pair travelled down to Weymouth as volunteers.

She said that becoming a paramedic nowadays is a lot different to when she started.

People have to go to university, have a keen interest in First Aid and have a level of fitness. She suggested people volunteered as a Community First Responder or other volunteer organisations to help get a feel for the job.

Julia says she hopes she can continue in her job for as long as she is able.

Paramedic Julia Foster, 43, from Oswestry.

School's pupils to meet for reunion

OLD friends are set to meet again at a reunion party for former pupils at Llanfyllin High School.

The get-together has been organised by Llanfyllin High School Old Pupils Association.

It will be at Theatr Llwyn, Llanfyllin, on September 15 and is for former pupils whose present ages range from 46 to 61.

Organiser Pauline Page-Jones said: "Following previous events people commented that they would have attended had they known about it.

"The committee tries hard to reach former pupils who no longer live in the area but still need more help.

"If anyone has contact with any former pupils in the age group please help by letting them know about this reunion.

"We are expecting at least two people from America and 10 former teachers will be attending.

"There will be a buffet, bar, photographic display, a disco – and lots of nostalgia."

Tickets priced £15 are available from Mrs Page-Jones or Joyce Lewis.

For more information contact 07989 766220 or (01691) 648227.

People are asked not to contact the school directly.

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Staff to go extra mile for charity

STAFF from Oswestry's Wilkinson store will be going the extra mile for Macmillan Cancer Support by embarking on an energetic sponsored walk in aid of the charity.

Fifteen team members from the New Street store will be waved off by friends and family at 2pm on Sunday when they embark on a 10-mile circular route around the town.

The team will walk up Broomhall Lane, taking in sights including the Racecourse and Oswestry Waterworks, before returning to the store.

The donations collected through the sponsored walk will support Macmillan Cancer Support.

The national charity provides services for people with cancer in the local community.

Team members have been digging deep and spurring on shoppers, friends and family for sponsorship donations in order to help raise cash to support people affected by cancer.

Duncan Tipton, store manager at the Oswestry store, said: "The whole team is raring to go on the sponsored walk and have been doing all they can to raise lots of money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

"We're delighted to be supporting the charity this year."

Barbara's £10,000 thanks to nurses who saved grandson

A CHEQUE for £10,000 has been handed over to a research charity as a thank you from a Shropshire border grandmother to nursing staff who helped save her grandson's life.

Barbara Evans, from Llanymynech, raised the cash when she organised a charity lunch and promise auction in aid of the Meningitis Trust in June.

The event was organised as part of her grandson James's 21st birthday celebrations.

James contracted meningitis when he was just two days old but, thanks to the prompt action of nurse Val Richards, went on to make a full recovery.

The charity lunch and promise auction, held at Mrs Evans's son's farm, was attended by 370 people.

by Graham Breeze

Val Richards attended the charity lunch and promise auction.

Mrs Evans said Val Richards spotted the signs of meningitis in James when he was at Welshpool Hospital as a baby.

She arranged for him to be transferred to the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital where doctors treated him for meningitis.

Mrs Evans said: "It really was down to her prompt action.

"She spotted the signs and he was taken under blue lights to Shrewsbury. The doctors there were marvellous and saved him."

Mrs Evans said she received tremendous help from her family and friends in setting up the fundraising event.

She did the catering with her daughter Ruth and a band of friends. Her other daughter Joanna and son Martin helped arrange the auction and get prizes.

Mrs Evans said: "As well as raising vital funds for the Meningitis Trust, who I know rely entirely on fundraising and donations to continue their vital support work, I hope we've helped to raise awareness about meningitis and the need to act quickly when it is suspected."

The money raised will be used to fund the trust's ongoing work to raise awareness of the disease and support those who need help through, for example, the trust's financial grants, creative therapies and family day programmes.

James Evans, 21, front left, seen here presenting the money to Ella Constable, community fundraiser for Wales. Back, left to right, is James's grandmother Barbara Evans who organised the event for James's birthday, and Val Richards, retired midwife whose prompt action saved James's life. *Picture: Simon Williams.*

Suit of armour back at castle

UNIQUE armour has returned to Chirk Castle for the first time in more than 60 years as part of a £200,000 project to celebrate a forgotten period in history.

The suit made by French craftsmen in the 1920s for the then 12th richest man in Britain Lord Tommy Howard de Walden, who lived at the castle between the wars, has been specially rebuilt at the National Trust-owned attraction.

Lord Howard de Walden's time at Chirk marks a time when his patronage of the arts both in Wales and nationally saw the castle become a cultural hotspot.

Carolyn Latham, of the National Trust, said: "His interest in medieval history is obvious in the improvements he made to the castle, and this suit of armour he had made to measure shows just how deep that interest really was."

The two-year Howard de Walden project will see the fortress's East Wing transformed to tell the family's story.

College is pleased at number signing up

STAFF at a college say they were encouraged to see an early take-up for full-time adult courses starting this month.

Walford and North Shropshire College started its enrolment sessions before August bank holiday for the first time this year for its Access to Higher Education students.

This week students started their chosen courses.

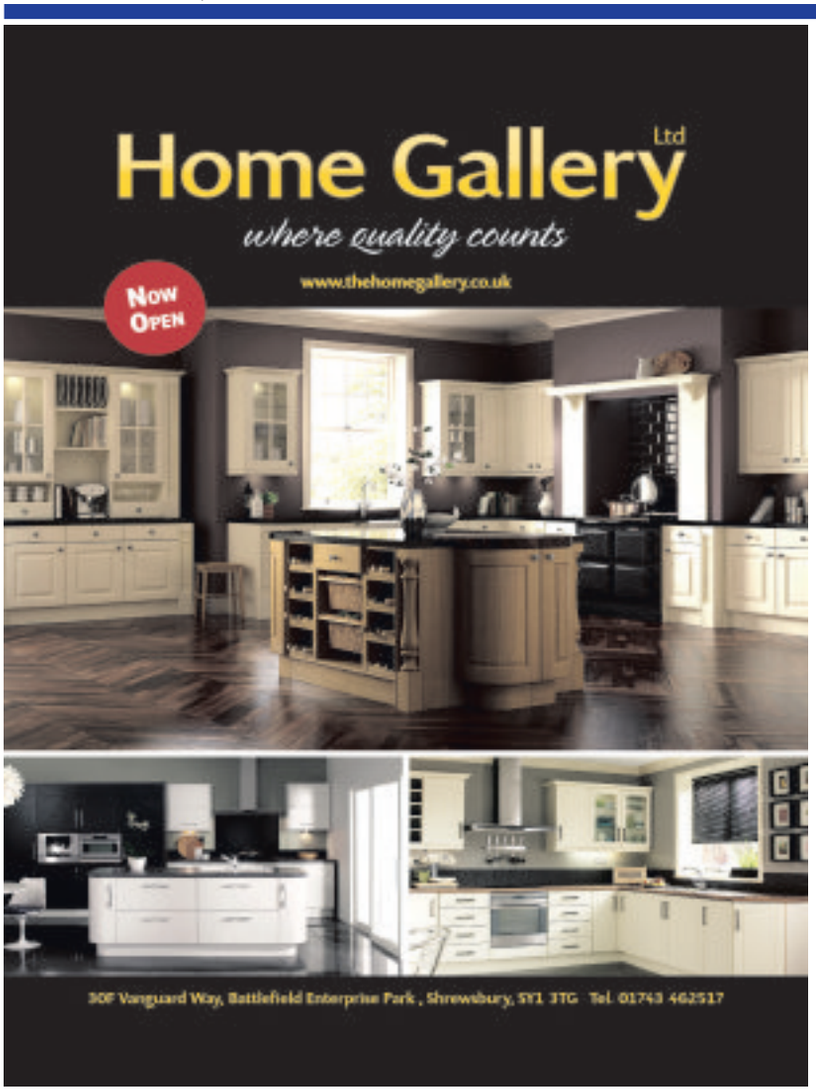
Paul Cordey, head of faculty for arts and science, said he had been impressed by the enthusiasm of applicants and delighted with the level of interest.

"Despite the prospect of university fees, there are still many adults whose ambition is to get a higher education qualification – often in a healthcare discipline such as nursing," he said. "Our Access to HE course helps adults without the standard entry requirements for university to achieve their ambition."

Lucy Beaumont, assistant director of learner services, was full of praise for the Access to HE students

She said: "For so many of these students their year at college is truly life changing.

"For successive years we have achieved an excellent pass rate for this course and the majority of those who complete the course are finding a university place – which is fantastic."



Historic sites are opening for free

HISTORIC buildings and places on the Shropshire/North Wales border will throw their doors open free of charge during September.

Scores of places are taking part in a celebration of the architecture and heritage of Wales in this year's Open Doors Days, part of European Heritage Days.

Events started on Wednesday with an opportunity to find out about the history and heritage of Bangor on Dee Races, which has been hosting racing for 153 years.

Historic venues such as Iscoyd Park House and Gardens, Bersham Colliery, The Stiwt, Erlas Victorian Walled Gardens, Chirk Castle, Brynkinalt Hall, Caer Alyn Home and Minera Lead Mines will be hosting events and tours.

Two talks will also take place during the celebration.

The first will be held on September 18 and entitled The Repair and Renovation of Historic Buildings, takes place at Church House, Gresford.

The second on September 20 is the annual public lecture which will be given by Gareth Williams, former senior lecturer in history at Glyndwr University.

His lecture will be looking at Wrexham's New Treasure Houses, Education in Wrexham in the 19th Century.

There's a good argument for leaving it up to nature

ON this day in 1348 Britain was in mad panic. It had been so since June of that same year and would remain gripped in dread for a further 18 months.

Those historians among you will know I'm talking about the Bubonic plague or 'Black Death' as it became known. Some 50 per cent of Europe's population and almost a half of all people in England died.

The disease was, as we now know, passed from person to person by fleas and overwintered in people's houses, amongst clothes and between bed sheets. The misery inflicted by the Black Death was so severe that you would have thought we'd feel more than a tinkling of guilt if we imparted an almost identical disease onto another living animal.

Apparently not so with rabbits. Travelling from Much Wenlock to Shrewsbury the other day, I was bemused to see what appeared to be a very fat tailless ferret ambling very slowly along the side of the road. As I had several cars behind me, I couldn't stop and examine the creature.

Exterminate

The best I could do was slow down a little and grab a quick glance. It wasn't of course a fat ferret, but a very large rabbit crawling painfully slowly, rendered blind from eyes swollen and face puffed up. I can't imagine he or she survived many more cars.

Rabbits were introduced from the Mediterranean in the 12th century, and were bred for their fur and as food. Originally they kept a low profile after escaping into the wild but in the early part of the 20th Century numbers rocketed in a response to changes in agricultural practices.

People then decided they didn't want rabbits rampaging through the countryside and tried to kill their numbers off. Efforts to exterminate them failed – until the arrival of myxomatosis.

The disease came from the laboratories of Uruguay and when introduced to Australia, was devastating to the rabbit population there. In mid-1952 it was deliberately introduced into France by a retired physician who occupied a rabbit-infested estate near Paris. In

ON THE WILD SIDE
with
Ben Waddams

autumn 1953 it arrived in Britain. Spread by rabbit fleas and causing horrific starvation through pussy buboes growing around the eyes and mouth, the fleas were able to overwinter in the warm burrows of the wild rabbits.

At first Ministry of Agriculture officials tried to contain it. Once this proved impossible it was allowed to run its course. Farmers across the country deliberately spread the disease and before long perhaps 99 per cent of Britain's wild rabbits were dead.

But despite the best efforts of farmers and agricultural ministries, rabbits were not exterminated and eventually the development of resistance and changes to the virus established equilibrium. Even accounting for this however, the current rabbit population is probably still half of what it was in pre-myxomatosis days.

To me it seems unforgiveable to introduce a creature, exploit it, fail to enclose it, persecute it and then unleash one of the vilest diseases known to man and beast upon it and only then being happy with the outcome.

The irony is that the same people who persecute a species like the rabbit, prior to doing so were persecuting the natural predators, such as stoats, weasels, foxes, polecats, birds of prey and wild cats.

Perhaps we can learn from the lessons of the past and realise that if nature is left to get on with being nature, we wouldn't be in such an exasperating quandary.

Ben's wildlife art originals are available online at www.waddams.webs.com

The Gatekeeper– by Ben Waddams.

Hats how to raise funds for a charity

MORE than 400 knitted hats were created and collected at a business in Oswestry to help raise cash for charity.

Gemma Bentley, from Gemmipops Designs, is taking part in an Age UK event to knit as many little hats as possible to fit on the top of smoothie drink tops.

She held an event at her business, in Powis Hall on Bailey Head, for people to sit, knit hats and chat from. People also popped in during the day to make the little pom-poms to sew on to the top of the small garments.

She said: "We had a fantastic time. There were 11 of us knitting and making pom-poms throughout the day and the youngest was four years old and an expert pom-pom maker.

"We also had lots of people popping in with little bags of hats.

"We started the day with 249 hats that had already been delivered and we finished the day with 459, through a combination of making and deliveries."

This year Mrs Bentley wanted to knit and collect 1,000 hats for the charity and she is nearly half-way there.

She is now calling on people to carry on making the hats so that she can take them to the Age UK headquarters in London on September 15.

Concern at rise in feral cat numbers

A WOMAN from Oswestry who fosters cats believes there has been an increase in the amount of feral felines in the area this year.

Wilhelmina Burrows, who fosters cats near Oswestry on behalf of Shropshire Cat Rescue, said she thinks the problem is due to people not getting cats neutered.

She says people have been abandoning cats which have then been breeding. She recently received a call from the Ellesmere area where two females and two litters of feral cats had been discovered.

"I think it is worse this year with cats being abandoned," she said. "It happens quite often every year, especially in summer, we get a lot of kittens because people haven't neutered the cats."

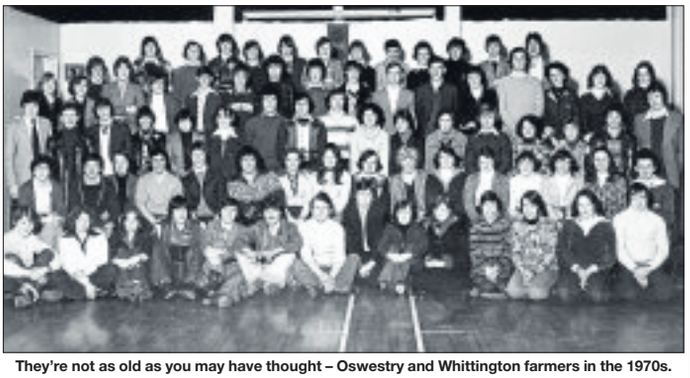
Semi-feral cats have also been found in Shrewsbury recently. The charity is looking for homes for 13 of the kittens which are aged about six months. These have been neutered. Shropshire Cat Rescue aims to care for and re-home unwanted cats and kittens.

It also works to educate people on responsible cat ownership.

People who want to help re-home the cats are urged to call Shropshire Cat Rescue on (01743) 827857 or visit http://www.shropshirecatrescue.co.uk

More light is shone on pictures from the past

Win Clarke – latest Mrs Davies – is on the left of this group looking through the fire-blacked food from the stores after the blaze at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital in January 1948. Others, from left, are ward maids Winnie Freeman, Edith Jones and Mary Morgan, and Mrs Davies's sister in-law Lena Davies, who worked in the kitchen as a cook.



They're not as old as you may have thought – Oswestry and Whittington farmers in the 1970s.

It's always great to have feedback and extra information from you, our readers, about things we publish.

by Toby Neal

So a big thank you to Win Davies, 90, for getting in touch in response to the photo we recently carried showing the aftermath of the disastrous fire at the Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital in 1948.

To be precise, she asked her son Joe Davies, of Moors Bank, St Martins, to drop us a line on her behalf (thanks Joe, too).

"My mother is Mrs Win Davies, who was at the time Win Clarke and was 26," Mr Davies tells us.

"She was originally from Manchester where she spent the war years, but after the war came to work as the matron's maid at Gobowen where her sister Eileen had been a patient for several years.

"Your article brought back memories for my mum and she spoke about it to me, telling me that they did indeed push the patients out into the road to take them to the Derwen College nearby.

"Her sister-in-law, who was also in the picture, sadly died a few years ago and we don't know about the other ladies and whether they are still surviving.

"My mother contracted typhoid a year later when there was an outbreak of the disease at the hospital and was taken to an isolation unit in Birmingham, I believe, but fortunately recovered, and went on to meet my father, Jack Davies, who had recently left the Army. They married in 1950 and had five children. My mother celebrated her 90th birthday last year."

Happily everybody escaped from the 1948 fire and the hospital rose phoenix-like from the ashes.

Also on the subject of feedback, it's a while ago now that we carried a photo showing 'Oswestry and Whittington Young Farmers Club members, 1971' at an unknown venue.

It had been loaned to us by Allan Peever, of Oak Close, Weston Rhyn, whose son John Peever was a member and is on the back row somewhere. We're happy to report that those in the photo are a little younger, as Nigel Williams, who is himself on the picture, pointed out in an e-mail.

"Unfortunately Allan Peever is incorrect when he says it is from 1971. It is more likely from circa 1978. It may not like sound much, but being 13 or 20 years old is a massive difference at that age.

"I know a large number of the members on the photograph and many of them are still living in the area, some with children who are currently members of Whittington & Oswestry YFC.

"Whittington & Oswestry YFC was a very popular and active club at that time and had around 100 members, but one of the greatest things to come out of that era is many of these members remain friends today, some 30-plus years later."

Quakers opening doors to the public

QUAKERS in Oswestry will be holding an open day tomorrow.

It will take place at its Meeting House, in Oak Street, on September 7, from 10am-5pm.

There will be displays, videos and information, and Quakers will be there to answer any questions.

The event is part of Oswestry's Heritage open weekend called Oswestry and Beyond.

The Quakers have been meeting in Oak Street for 50 years and is also celebrating its 73rd anniversary of being in the town. Its current building was formerly a photographer's studio.

A spokesman said: "Quaker meetings for worship are based on silence. The silence may last for an hour but may be broken when someone feels called to say something to enrich the worship."

Quakers meet every Sunday at 10.30am and visitors are always welcome to join.

Education grant offer to students

THE Deythaur Educational Foundation has grants available to students up to the age of 25 living in the area of the Hundred of Deytheur.

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Knitter was inspired by yarn bombing of town

by Graham Breeze

OSWESTRY'S mystery yarn bombers have inspired one woman to create an exhibition to prove that knitting is not all about scarves and jumpers.

Becca Tansley, 42, from Oswestry, said she had been inspired by an event earlier this year when the town centre was yarn bombed overnight.

People woke up to find knitted items covering bins and a post box, while a statue had been given a knitted dress and the ram in Festival Square had a new woolly coat.

Knitted and crocheted poppies were placed on an artillery gun in Cae Glas park and trees and bollards were also targeted.

Ms Tansley said: "The exhibition started mostly because of the interest of the yarn bombers.

Imaginative

"I am kicking myself that someone got to do that first. I was planning something like it. I wish I had been part of it but once it's done, it's done.

"Knitting has become more popular over the past five to 10 years. It has caught people's attention."

She said Oswestry was a great place to hold the exhibition as it is a town that has a lot of arts and crafts.

Her work went on show in the Screamin' Chicken Gallery on Wednesday.

She said it will offer people a new, imaginative perspective on the world of knitting, and feature knitted bunting and corsets.

She also has one person working on creating a piece which will represent a string of DNA.

"This is the first time I have had a knitted exhibition," she said. "It is going to be a collection of knitting that will show it is not just jumpers and socks but an imaginative process."

Artist's work on display

AN art exhibition by Oswestry artist and Border Visual Arts founder Judith Harrison is on display at the Oswestry Visitor and Exhibition Centre until September 29. Taking a look at one of her works titled 'Brief Encounter'is 19-year-old student Niall Dudley, who works at the centre.

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R.E.M. tribute show is due at Ironworks

GIG GUIDE with Chrissy Symmons

THERE could be shiny, happy people in Oswestry on Friday when R.E.M. UK play tribute to the chart-topping rock band.

The Ironworks, in Church Street, will be playing host to the band which describes itself at 'the most Authentic R.E.M, Tribute Ever'.

From 9pm the group is scheduled to play many well-known hits from the American group. In 2012 the band is said to have moved on from a keyboard orientated old style R.E.M. to a sound with a rockier hard edge.

A spokesperson for The Ironworks said: "If you like R.E.M., you will love R.E.M. UK."

Tickets cost £7 and are available by calling (01691) 679123.

Also on Friday singer/songwriter Nikki Rous will be playing at Lowfield Inn, in Marton near Welshpool.

She will be playing her guitar while singing her self-penned lyrics from 8.30pm.

For more information call (01743) 891313.

On Saturday night in Welshpool boyband fans will be given a treat as Simply Take That and Robbie Williams tribute night takes place.

The Royal Oak will be hosting the event as part of its Oak Live events.

R.E.M. UK will be performing in Oswestry

Simply Take That have been performing all the classics to sell out audiences for years and have now agreed to sing in Welshpool.

The venue is urging people to buy their tickets early by calling (01938) 552217.

In Oswestry on Saturday night band Crossfire will be playing at The Cobbles from 9.30pm.

Monday night music will be provided by The Golden Lion, Llandysilio, in the form of its regular acoustic nights. Singer/ songwriters of all music including rock and folk are invited along.

For more information call (01691) 830295 or e-mail *www.goldenlion.org.uk*

Tuesday night at The Ironworks there will be another instalment of its Jam Night.

It will be held in its downstairs bar from 9pm.

If you would like to see your gig in this guide e-mail *csymmons@shropshirestar.co.uk*

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Welshpool livestock market

SATURDAY'S Welsh National Texel Sale at Welshpool was a resounding success with commercial buyers competing strongly with pedigree men at the top of the trade.

Leading what British Texel Sheep Society chief executive John Yates described as yet another balanced and commercially driven sale, was a lamb from the Clark family's Lanarkshire-based Teiglum flock.

This was Teiglum Tennessee which sold at 5500gns. This Sportsman's Scout son is a full ET brother to their 60,000gns lamb from Thursday's Scottish National Sale at Lanark and sold to a consortium of buyers including Thomas MacTaggart, Rascarrel, Robert Laird, Cambwell, the Nesbitt family, Alwent, Danny Graham, BallaGlonney and Wyn Jones.

Next best price of the day was the best shearling price of the sale, a 4600gns bid for Loosebeare Saviour from the Quick family, Crediton, Devon.This Quercus Puregold son is out of a dam by Tycam Napoleon and sold to Esmor Evans, with a half share retained. This one contained strong Loosebeare bloodlines, with his sire's dam having been sold by the Quicks to John Howard in a private £4000 sale.

A pair then sold at 2800gns, with the first of these being a ram lamb from the Llyfni flock of Messrs Williams. Their best of the sale was Llyfni Twm Twm, a Sportsman's Superstar son out of a dam by Glenside Likeable. He sold to Messrs Davies, Cardigan.

The other to make this money was the second best shearling of the day Llegodig Sing Song, the first prize shearling from the pre-sale show. This is a son of Llegodig Reunion and out of a dam by Hollyford Nijinsky. He was knocked down to Messrs Probert, Leominster, Herefordshire.

Welshpool Livestock Sales
September 3
OTMS (47)

An entry of 47 over thirty month cattle sold to average 136ppkg for the 45 older cows, 148ppkg for the bulls and 159ppkg for the younger steers. The older cows sold to a top price of £1246.80 for a Limousin cow weighing 760kg from M & JE Jones & D C E Davies Cwm Farm. A charolais cow from J W Rees & Son Nantyrhendy sold for £1156.68. A Limousin bull weighing 1009kg sold for £1493.32 from J T Owen & Co Upper Garth. M & JE Jones & D C E Davies Cwm Farm receives the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price older cow sold on the day. If you require any further information regarding this section please contact the market on 01938 553438 or the Auctioneer Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999.

FAT CATTLE (14)

An entry of 14 fat cattle sold to a top price of 228ppkg on three occasions for three limousine heifers this week from G W & BA Haynes Trefnant Isaf, Jones Brothers Ystradolwyn and J E Lewis Coedyweeg. G W & BA Haynes also sold other Limousin heifers to 226ppkg, 225ppkg and 218ppkg.E E & M J Jones & Sons Cwmbychan sold three British Bluex steers to a top price of 199ppkg. GW & BA Haynes, Jones Brothers and J E Lewis receive the Briarwood Products Ltd prize of £25 for the highest price per kilo animal sold on the day. Weekly sale of Fat cattle every Monday at approximately12.30pm. More Fat Cattle urgently required to meet a very strong demand from potential purchasers. If you have require any advise or wish to sell fat cattle at the market please contact the auctioneer Mr Glandon Lewis on 07774 224999 or the market office on 01938 553438.

PRIME LAMBS (4697)

An entry of 4697 Prime lambs, sold to an overall average of 177.7ppkg.

Lights (25.5kg to 32kg) (248) to 197ppkg from I A Poole Upper Cwm Heyope. Others to 193ppkg from G M Richards Pentre. Average of 186ppkg.

Standards (32.1kg to 39kg) (725) to 200ppkg from Geddes & Co 4 Camlad Cottages. Others to 198ppkg from NG & GG Davies Trawsgelli. Average of 182ppkg.

Mediums (39.5kg to 45.5kg) (2784) to 196ppkg from I E Roberts & Son Maesdyfnant. Others to 190ppkg from Geddes & Co 4 Camlad Cootages. Average of 176ppkg.

Heavies (45.1kg to 52kg) (836) to 183ppkg from BJ & MA Morgan Old Neuadd. Others to 179ppkg from J W Jones Blowty. Average of 171ppkg.

Over Weights (Over 52kg) (42) to 195ppkg from S J Smith Penybryn. Others to 170ppkg from A E Casewell Bodynfoel. Average of 163ppkg.

CULL EWE (3707)

An entry of 3707 cull sheep on offer for sale today, sold to average £52.84 for the ewes and £68.95 for the rams. Top price of the day for the ewes was £123 per head from I Sevenoaks Pool Farm. Top price for the cull rams was £133 per head from P S Cullen Parcpenprys. Weekly sale of cull sheep to immediately follow the sale of fat lambs at approximately 12noon.

STORE LAMBS & IN LAMB EWES

A very large seasonal entry of store lambs with 1340 sold and an overall average of £53.70 was achieved. Generally lambs where easier, but a good crowd bidding competitively for them. Some very good top prices with lambs selling to £72.50 for texelx tups for E W Howells Oakwood.

A good entry of 941 store ewes. Texel yearling ewes making a top price of £150 from G H M Williams Caethro. Two year old ewes reacing a top price of £142 from R D Bowen Glanrhyd. Three year old ewes making a good top price for texelx at £148 from R D Bowen Glanrhyd. Full Mouth ewes making a top price of £102 from R A C Williams & Son Glyndwr. As found ewes achieving top of £89 from E W Jones Gesail y Bryn. A large entry excepted next week with store lambs to start selling at 10.30am and ewes at 11am.

COWS & CALVES

With the promise of better weather and sheep season upon us there were less people around the ring than the past, couple of sales, with overall quality down as well. I Evans & Son Hendre Seifion sold five Limousin and Belgian Bluex cows with Limousin calves at foot from £1260, to a top of £1840 to average £1530. J B C Gwillim Bwlchgarth sold a Limousinx 1st calver with a Limousin bull calf for £1700. G & GM Lloyd Bachie UChaf Llanfyllin sold 2 Limousinx 3rd calvers with limousine calves for £1840 and £1600. A special entry from PA & HS Davies Maesneuadd of 18 Herefordx cows and calves sold to a top price of £1220 to average £1031. A breakdown of the prices achieved where as follows. £1800+ 2 lots, £1600 - £1800 3 lots, £1400 - £1600 4 lots, £1200 - £1400 10 lots, £1000 - £1200 11 lots, less than £1000 11 lots. Entries now invited for the next sale of Cows and Calves on Monday 17th September 2012.

STORE CATTLE

The first autumn catalogue sale of 100 store cattle took place at Welshpool on Monday the 3rd September, selling to a very good average of 193ppkg for the steers and 217ppkg for the heifers. Top prices where as follows:

Steers per head
Limousinx (x3) 511kg £1235 from R B Bebb & Son Hendre
Limousinx (x1) 515kg £1200 from R B Bebb & Son Hendre
Charolaisx (x2) 522k £1190 from H P Jones Llwynrhydd
Charolaisx (x1) 565kg £1175 from E M Breese & Son Upper Glandulais
Charolaisx (x1) 525kg £1150 from E M Breese & Son Upper galndulais
Charolaisx (x1) 505kg 31150 from H P Jones Llwynrhydd

Heifers per head
Limousinx (x3) 521kg £1180 from R B Bebb & Son Hendre
Limousinx (x2) 485kg £1145 from W L Hamer The Bryn
Limousinx (x3) 531kg £1130 from R B Bebb & Son Hendre
Charolaisx (x1) 525kg £1090 from E M Breese & Son Upper Glandulais
Limousinx (x2) 457kg £1070 from W L Hamer The Bryn
Limousinx (x1) 425kg £1050 from D C Jerman Ty Gwellt

Steers per kilo
British Bluex (x2) 225kg 276ppkg from G Murphy Caen y Coed
Limousinx (x1) 400kg 258ppkg from AP & JE Jenkins Pontyperchyll
British Bluex (x2) 247kg 251ppkg from G Murphy Caen y Coed
Limousinx (x1) 405kg 245ppkg from D C Jerman Ty Gwellt
Limousinx (x3) 511kg 242pkg from R B Bebb & Son Hendre
Limousinx (x1) 465kg 240ppkg from RB & M & RM Jones Pentre Isa

Heifers per kilo
British Bluex (x2) 228kg 263ppkg fromG Murphy Caen y Coed
Limousinx (x1) 320kg 256ppkg from IC & EA Jerman Pigeon House
Limousinx (x3) 216kg 255ppkg from G Murphy Caen y Coed
Limousinx (x1) 425kg 247ppkg from D C Jerman Ty Gwellt
Limousinx (x2) 485kg 236ppkg from W L Hamer The Bryn
Limousinx (x2) 457kg 234ppkg from W L Hamer The Bryn

Entries now invited for the next sale of store Cattle on Monday 17th September 2012.

FORTHCOMING SALES:
Saturday 8th September, Machinery Sale at Coed Y Dinas.
Monday 10th September, Sale of Dairy Cows.
Wednesday 13th September, Sale of Welsh Mule Ewes.
Thursday 14th September, Sale of Welsh Mule Ewe Lambs.
Saturday 15th September, Sale of Ped Limousin Cattle on behalf of Evans Penrhos & Jerman Glangwden.

Oswestry cattle auctions

August 29
FAT CATTLE: (72)

Not many cattle forward today again and with an overall average of 193.5p/kg for everything the trade we had would have been superb. Top slots hit 231p for Heifers 225p for Bulls and 208p for Steers. Bottom book of 154p for a plain friesian steer. Highest price in the lump of £1400 for a Steer. If you have cattle to sell please contact the Auctioneer Jonathan Evans on 07971 002650 or the Market office.

Young Bulls (38) Overall Average 195.5p.

Light Bulls (4) Average 178.5p (£795/head) Selling to 186p from L M Jones Llynclys Hall

Medium Bulls (21) Average 197p (£1025/head) Selling to 225p from C E Evans Lower Hendre

Heavy Bulls (13) Average 197p (£1170/head) Selling to 223p from D Tomley New House Farm

Steers (11) Overall Average 183p.

Medium Steers (2) Average 191p (£955/head) Selling to 195p from J M Edwards Lower Morton Farm

Heavy Steers (9) Average 182p (£1180/head) Selling to 208p from A O Davies & co Tynyfach

Heifers (23) Overall Average 196.5p

Medium Heifers (2) Average 196p (£920/head) Selling to 200p from J Gittoes Wrexham

Heavy Heifers (20) Average 197p (£1105/head) Selling to 231p from J W Jones & Partners Pantglas Isa

Thank you for your support and please keep the cattle coming

FAT LAMBS: (2453)

A reduced entry of 2453 lambs on Wednesday 29th August 2012. The main reason being a slightly reduced trade coupled with adverse weather conditions. The lighter and heavier lambs were in demand with all Tup lambs being sought after. 317 light lambs averaged 177p/kg peaking at 188p/kg from H W & D A Davies Ty Nant with 30.5kg making £57.20. 813 standard lambs averaged 177.5p/kg with the top being 197p/kg from G R & E W Davies Nanthir with 36kg lambs making £70.00. 924 mediums levelled at 174p/kg with the top price being 195p/kg with 43.5kg lambs from E Lloyd & Co Garthiaen making£87.00. Top call of the day was £93.00 from D Morris Parkside.

Lights to 188p average 177p, Standards to 197p average 177.5p, Mediums to 195p average 174p, Heavy's to 181p average 174p, Others to 175p average 170.5p. Overall average 176p.

FAT EWES: (858)

Ewes to £91.00 average £39.50, Rams to £75.00, average £46.00

Please Note : All sheep entering the Market must be tagged.

CALVES: (89)

A variable quality entry and a trade to match. Friesian Bulls other than the best less money. Continentals generally a shade easier. Simmental Heifers topping at £368 & £322 from Messrs Jones Lyneal Hall. Charolais Heifers to £304 & £298 from Messrs Pryce Coedmawr £300 (twice) from Messrs Evans Glaniwrch. British Blue Bulls to £302 from Messrs Foulkes Maesteg. Limousin Bulls to £286 from Messrs Jones Lythwell Farm £262 from Messrs Morris Ceunant. British Blue Heifers to £290 from Messrs Evans Dolobran Hall £288 from Messrs James Church Farm. Limousin Heifers to £250 from Messrs Davies Lower Fawnog Hereford Heifers to £212 (twice) from Messrs Davies Park Mill Farm. Friesian Bulls to £165 from Messrs Jones Lythwell Farm £142 from Messrs Henshaw Little Green Farm £130 from Messrs Morris Ceunant £81 from Messrs Foulkes Maesteg

Weanlings: Charolais Heifers 9mo to £458 £418 £415 Charolais Steers to £442 from Messrs Davies Maesyneuadd

STORE CATTLE: (79)

A cracking trade for our August fair day of Store Cattle with a slightly disappointing entry of 79 cattle, a good attendance of buyers keenly competing for all types qualities of store cattle for wintering or forward fattening. Top prices are as follows:

Steers
Limousin to £1160.00
British Blue to £1045.00
Friesians to £955.00
Simmentals to £980.00
Welsh Black to £920.00
Aberdeen Angus to £1075.00

Heifers
Charolais to £1005.00
Limousin to £915.00 British Blue to £1100.00
Simmental to £855.00
Welsh Black to £930.00

Wintering Cattle
Limousin Steers to £850.00
Blonde D'Aquataine Steers to £840.00 MRI Steers to £710.00
Charolais Heifers to £800.00 Limousin Heifers to £790.00 Aberdeen Angus Heifers to £700.00
MRI Heifers to £550.00

Entries are now being taken for our next sale on the 12th September 2012

U72 & CULL COWS: (48)

An entry of 48 cattle met with another very fast trade with Cows to 158p Heifers to 170p and Stock Bulls to 141p Top price £1495.00

Cows
Limousin to 158p average 141.29p/kg
Belgian Blue to 142p average 130.43p/kg
Friesian to 143p average 109.46p/kg

Heifers
Hereford to 161p average 160.49p/kg
Others to 170p average 154.26p/kg

Stock Bulls to 141p average 136.42p/kg

The demand for all classes of cattle remained strong throughout the sale.

48 Cattle average 124.98p/kg

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DRIVE TIME with Graham Breeze

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The stylish Range Rover Evoque has a choice of diesel and petrol engines

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The Evoque has quick and accurate steering, and the ride is supple enough to absorb just about everything you can throw at it.

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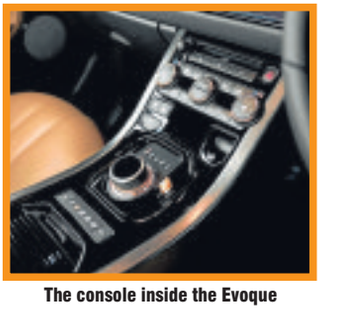

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Japanese marque Toyota has released two new special edition models of the popular Yaris

Putting on the style with two new special editions

TWO new special edition Toyota Yaris models have been released, based on existing models but with extra styling details.

The Yaris Edition, based on T2 spec, adds to the base car's equipment list with 15in 'smoke-finished' machined alloys, front foglamps, rear privacy glass, tachometer and body-coloured mirrors and door handles.

Buyers will also get a rev counter, a leather-trimmed gear stick, rear privacy glass and a small splash of chrome-effect exterior trim.

A little more outlay buys the Yaris Trend, which is based on the sporty and better-equipped SR spec but adds 16in smoke-finished machined alloys, the same privacy glass and a chrome tailpipe trim.

Both cars have blacked-out B- and C-pillars to create a 'floating roof' effect when combined with the silver or white paint options.

Each special edition features one engine only. Edition cars will all have a 1.0-litre VVT petrol engine linked to a basic five-speed manual gearbox, while the Trend is fitted with the equally-familiar 1.33-litre petrol and either a six-speed manual or, on the five-door car only, the Multidrive S CVT automatic.

With manual gearboxes, both cars are available in three- or five-door body styles. Prices start from £11,695 for the Edition and £13,795 for the Trend. Upgrading to five doors adds £600 and the automatic gearbox in the five-door Trend costs an additional £1,000.

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The Hyundai Veloster Turbo SE delivers a top speed of 133mph with a 0-62mph time of 8.4 seconds

Power boost with launch of turbo-charged version

THE turbo-charged version of the Veloster 1+2 door coupe will be available in showrooms from September 24 priced at £21,995.

The Veloster Turbo SE is the first vehicle to feature Hyundai's 1.6-litre T-GDI engine with a high-compression, twin-scroll turbocharger. To best suit European driving tastes and enhance driver enjoyment, power output has been boosted and low end torque increased.

It develops 186PS (184bhp) and 195lb/ft (265Nm) of torque and is mated to a standard six-speed manual transmission featuring wider gear ratios. This delivers a top speed of 133mph and acceleration from 0-62mph in 8.4 seconds. Maximum torque is delivered between 1,500rpm and 4,500rpm and the benefit is a more engaging and responsive drive. Firmer dampers ensure improved body control.

As with all Hyundai powertrain offerings, efficiency has been maximised so in spite of increased performance, the Veloster Turbo SE offers CO2 emissions of just 157g/km with fuel economy of 40.9mpg on the combined cycle.

Tony Whitehorn, president and CEO, Hyundai Motor UK, said: "The Veloster has quickly established itself as a fun car and a unique proposition. Now the Veloster Turbo SE brings an extra helping of dynamism, excitement and emotional appeal to our refreshed model line-up. Its overall package is genuinely strong against other competitors such as the VW Scirocco 1.4TSI and the Astra GTC 1.6i 16v VVT Turbo.

"We believe that the performance enhancements will further increase the Veloster's appeal for drivers who want the perfect combination of stand-out design, an engaging drive, coupled with the efficiency and practicality of a traditional hatchback."

As with all new Hyundai products, the Veloster Turbo SE is backed by the manufacturer's fully transferable 5 Year Triple Care assurance package. This includes a five-year unlimited mileage warranty, five years free roadside assistance and five years vehicle health checks.

The new Volvo V40 received a top rating of five stars in the NCAP test

New Volvo sets record in Euro NCAP collision test

THE all-new Volvo V40 has received the top rating of five stars in the Euro NCAP collision test. The overall result is the best ever recorded by the institute.

"A fantastic result. We are very proud to have one of the world's safest cars and we're taking yet another important step toward our 2020 target – that nobody should die or be seriously injured in a new Volvo," says Thomas Broberg, senior technical advisor safety at Volvo Car Corporation.

As of 2009, European safety institute Euro NCAP has presented an overall rating for each car model whose safety it tests. Separate tests are carried out in four different sub-categories, which are then ranked to produce an overall grade. The four categories are adult occupant protection, child protection, pedestrian protection and safety assist.

It is not only the overall result that is a record-high. The all-new Volvo V40's protection for adults was also the best result ever recorded in a test, no less than 98 per cent. During the development of the all-new Volvo V40, the goal was to build in the same safety level as in larger cars. The holistic approach, a strong structure and systems such as the WHIPS whiplash protection system form the basis for the excellent result.

In the safety assist category, the Volvo V40 scores maximum points.

"The new Volvo V40 was launched as the most intelligent and the safest car in its segment, and it is truly packed with active safety systems such as auto brake, Pedestrian Detection to shield pedestrians, Lane Keeping Aid which helps the driver stay within his or her lane, and BLIS which helps the driver detect vehicles in the offset rear 'blind spot'," says Thomas Broberg.

In the pedestrian protection category too, the Volvo V40 sets a new record. One important factor here is the innovative, unique pedestrian airbag. Sensors in the front of the car detect any contact with a pedestrian. A pyrotechnical charge releases the bonnet hinges and elevates the bonnet with the help of an airbag.

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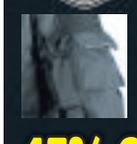

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SPORT

Weston Rhyn promoted to the top flight

WESTON RHYN are back in the top flight of the Oswestry Bowls League after earning promotion from division two despite losing 7-3 at title rivals Flexsys A, who took the aggregate 141-108 ***writes JOHN BRIDGWATER.***

Despite going into the last game of the season at the top of the table, defeat meant that Rhyn finished runners-up and missed out on the title by just one shot to Flexsys.

However, skipper Brian Oakley was happy enough with securing the promotion spot.

"It's many years since Weston Rhyn have been in the top division, so we're delighted to be back.

"It would have been nice to have won the title but the main thing was promotion."

Derek Taylor was their best, winning to nine, while Brian Oakley (21-12) and Richard Oakley (21-15) were the other victors.

Having seen their promotion hopes fade in the second half of the season, **LLANRHAEADR A** had to settle for a fourth place finish after ending their campaign with a closely fought 6-4 win over visiting **GEORGE**.

They finished 5-3 in games, while the aggregate was all square at 113-113 with the sides picking up another point apiece.

Steve Jones led the way after winning to seven, Emyr Roberts won 21-11 and Neil Jones 21-12 while Merv Roberts (21-8) was the best of the George victors.

CRIFTINS B, who are set for the drop from division two, ended their season with a 7-3 (152-130) loss at basement rivals Cynwyd B, Andrew Jones (21-8) their best winner.

Mike Jones (21-14) was one of three victors for **BLACK LION** in their 7-3 final night loss at Overton B, which is likely to ensure he is the second division aggregate winner.

Karl Adams won to 14 and Mark Jones to 11, with the Lion set to finish fifth despite the defeat.

Six days before, Black Lion trounced Llangynog A 10-0 (168-100) with two single figure winners, Andrew Jones to five and Mike Jones to seven.

WHITTINGTON B, who dispelled any relegation fears with victory over basement rivals Criftins B the previous week, ended their campaign with a 7-3 loss at Llangynog A who took the aggregate by 15

Helen Humphries was the best winner for the visitors to 11, while Andy Knott (21-14) and Joan Holland (21-16) also won.

YE OLDE CROFTE, who have paid the price for some poor away defeats this term, flourished at home in their last action of the campaign with an 8-2 (160-140) success over Johnstown B that sees them finish mid-table.

Jamie Waugh (21-11) took the coppers, while Brian Parry (21-16) was another good winner for Crofte.

PLACINGS

Oswestry Bowling League

Division one: Criftins A 8 (152), Corwen A 2 (94); Overton A 3 (145 , Johnstown A 7 (152); Ceiriog Valley A 9 (158), Llanymynech A 1 (105); Church A 6 (148), Ruabon A 4 (118); Llangollen A 8 (156), Church B 2 (148); Chirk AAA A 8 (152), Whittington A 2 (107).

Division two: Whittington B 6 (151), Criftins B 4 (138); George 3 (112), Flexsys A 7 (158); Johnstown B 7 (151), Llanrhaeadr A 3 (128); Weston Rhyn A 8 (154), Overton B 2 (129); Cynwyd A 10 (168), Ye Olde Crofte A 0 (106); Black Lion 10 (168), Llangynog A 0 (100).

Division three: Llanfyllin A 2 (125), Ceiriog Valley B 8 (150); Johnstown C 8 (161), Chirk AAA B 2 (105); Plas Kynaston A 7 (140, Johnstown D 3 (125); Whittington C 3 (131), Llangollen B 7 (145); Weston Rhyn C 7 (143), Royston A 3 (123); Flexsys B 8 (135), Whittington E 2 (103).

Division four: Corwen B 6 (158), Church D 4 (145); Llanrhaeadr C 1 (112), Llangynog C 9 (157); Fox Lane 8 (151), Llanrhaeadr B 2 (103); Ellesmere B 8 (165), Llanymynech B 2 (102); Church C 10 (168), Overton C 0 (81); Criftins C 10 (168), Weston Rhyn B 0 (91).

Division five: Johnstown E 7 (151), Cynwyd B 3 (133); Plas Kynaston B 3 (114), Ellesmere A 7 (152); Ye Olde Crofte B 10 (168), Llanrhaeadr D 0 (104); Weston Rhyn D 2 (131), Royston B 8 (147); Ceiriog Valley C 8 (154), Ruabon B 2 (112); Chirk AAA C 9 (160), Whittington D 1 (95).

Division six: Llangynog B 4 (134) , Weston Rhyn E 6 (135); Bersham 9 (163), Overton D 1 (105); Llanrhaeadr E 3 (145), Llanfyllin B 7 (152).

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts
Criftins A	21	13	7	354	132
Ceiriog Valley A	21	13	7	268	126
Johnstown A	21	13	8	263	125
Chirk AAA A	21	14	6	259	122
Ruabon A	21	13	7	135	117
Church A	21	11	10	28	108
Whittington A	21	10	11	90	106
Corwen A	21	11	10	79	104
Overton A	21	8	13	26	98
Llanymynech A	21	7	14	-411	79
Llangollen A	21	7	14	-453	78
Church B	21	4	17	-638	64

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts
Weston Rhyn A	21	15	3	306	135
Flexsys A	21	14	5	480	132
Johnstown B	21	16	5	204	129
Llanrhaeadr A	21	12	9	184	114
Black Lion	21	9	12	-225	103
George	21	10	11	48	102
Ye Olde Crofte A	21	10	10	-60	98
Llangynog A	21	7	13	-103	97
Whittington B	21	8	12	52	96
Cynwyd A	21	8	13	-129	93
Criftins B	21	7	14	-368	83
Overton B	21	6	15	-389	78

DIVISION 3

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts
Johnstown C	21	14	6	367	130
Whittington E	21	12	7	243	121
Ceiriog Valley B	21	11	8	221	119
Johnstown D	21	12	7	196	119
Flexsys B	21	12	9	300	116
Plas Kynaston A	21	11	8	231	113
Chirk AAA B	21	11	10	+83	111
Royston A	21	10	9	142	110
Weston Rhyn C	21	9	11	100	106
Llangollen B	21	10	11	-512	87
Llanfyllin A	21	6	13	-331	83
Whittington C	21	1	20	-1040	42

DIVISION 4

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts
Church C	21	16	4	458	140
Criftins C	21	14	7	511	133
Ellesmere B	21	15	6	351	129
Llangynog C	21	14	7	466	125
Church D	21	9	11	20	115
Fox Lane	20	12	7	136	107
Llanymynech B	21	9	12	-117	100
Llanrhaeadr C	21	8	12	-248	93
Corwen B	21	8	13	-308	87
Weston Rhyn B	20	7	13	-403	78
Llanrhaeadr B	21	5	15	-343	74
Overton C	21	4	14	-523	69

DIVISION 5

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts
Ellesmere A	21	21	0	1235	179
Ceiriog Valley C	21	14	7	440	131
Chirk AAA C	21	12	8	115	118
Cynwyd B	21	11	10	151	114
Ye Olde Crofte B	21	10	10	-23	110
Royston B	21	11	8	46	107
Whittington D	21	8	12	-204	92
Ruabon B	21	8	10	-189	90
Weston Rhyn D	21	9	11	-236	90
Plas Kynaston B	21	6	14	-274	86
Johnstown E	21	7	14	-406	77
Llanrhaeadr D	21	4	17	-655	66

DIVISION 6

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts
Bersham	15	15	0	884	128
Overton D	16	8	6	46	89
Johnstown F	15	10	5	128	84
Llanfyllin B	16	9	7	-10	82
Llanymynech C	15	8	6	125	81
Church E	15	6	8	-168	61
Weston Rhyn E	15	5	10	-335	60
Llanrhaeadr E	15	3	11	-233	52
Llangynog B	16	2	13	-437	52

Division seven:(Veterans): Llanymynech 4 (145), Church Club A 5 (160); Royston 8 (179), Flexsys 1 (129); Chirk AAA 8 (182), Overton A 1 (137); Llangynog 8 (185), Weston Rhyn A 1 (129); Weston Rhyn B 5 (153), Whittington A 4 (145).

Division eight: (Veterans): Overton B 0 (91), Ceiriog Valley 9 (189); Llanrhaeadr A 6 (175), Llangollen 3 (162); Church Club B 1 (131), Y O Crofte 8 (183); Cynwyd 7 (160), Llanrhaeadr B 2 (140).

DIVISION 7 (VETERANS)

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts
Chirk AAA	16	14	2	+488	100
Overton A	17	12	5	+332	92
Royston	18	7	11	-3	82
Llanymynech	16	9	7	+100	81
Weston Rhyn A	17	9	8	+86	81
Weston Rhyn B	18	9	9	-205	73
Church Club A	18	7	11	-184	69
Llangynog	15	8	7	+67	67
Flexsys	17	5	12	-214	63
Whittington A	16	4	12	-467	48

DIVISION 8 (VETERANS)

	P	W	L	Agg	Pts
Ceiriog Valley	16	13	3	+596	102
Whittington B	16	13	3	+528	99
Llanrhaeadr A	16	10	6	+387	90
Llangollen	16	12	4	+396	87
Y O Crofte	16	8	8	+89	73
Cynwyd	16	7	9	-82	71
Church Club B	16	4	12	-339	53
Llanrhaeadr B	16	3	13	-748	37
Overton B	16	2	14	-827	36

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	P	MW	GW	Agg	Pts
Newport	21	14	162	688	190
Meole Brace	21	14	154	507	182
Chester Road	21	14	152	447	180
S J Bayley	21	14	141	291	169
Castlefield	21	14	139	283	167
St Georges	19	13	129	333	155
Bowring	21	11	129	72	151
Ford	21	8	117	-212	133
Ifton	21	9	113	-237	131
Wrock Wood	21	7	107	-344	121
Arch Wton	21	7	107	-348	121
Wem USC	22	7	98	-668	110
Bylet	21	4	84	-812	92

Criftins A crowned champions despite defeat in last fixture

CRIFTINS A have been crowned champions of the Oswestry and District Bowls League Division One – but only after some last night drama that saw them lose 8-2 at already-relegated CHURCH B.

The league leaders had gone into the encounter with one hand on the league title, but were given a scare as Church upset the formbook in a 145-135 aggregate win.

However, the two winners for Criftins were enough to see them take the crown by two points after nearest rivals Ceiriog Valley A and Johnstown A only managed wins by six and seven respectively.

Despite their relegation, Church were delighted to drop back down to division two a high note, with skipper Emrys Jones saying: "We went out with all guns blazing."

It was 2-2 after the front four, before Church took charge by winning all of the next four. Glyn Edwards took the coppers to 12, while Emrys Jones won to 13.

Glenys Jones also overturned a 12-3 deficit to run out a 21-17 winner.

Reserve player Natalie Guilar impressed by winning to 15, after stepping up from Division Four.

In-form Dave Edwards, the division one aggregate leader, was Criftins' best winner to four.

LLANYMYNECH A lived to fight another day in Division One after pulling off a crucial 7-3 victory at home to Chirk A.

It was a tight finish, but Llany – who were one point clear of the drop zone at the start of the day – ensured they will stay up after their relegation rivals Llangollen could only manage three winners at Johnstown.

Survival

Mid-table **WHITTINGTON A** ended their campaign with a 6-4 home loss to title outsiders Ceiriog Valley A, who took the aggregate by 13 shots.

Captain Aled Davies said: "We didn't finish as high as we wanted but, hopefully, it was a one season blip."

There was little to choose between the sides, with two winners each in the front and back fours.

Julian Turner was Whittington's best of the night, winning to nine in the front four, Graham Humphreys also winning 21-3 while in the back. Mike Brunt prevailed 21-19 and skipper Davies to 20.

Mid-table **CHURCH A** brought the curtain down on their season with a 7-3 reverse at Corwen A in the night's other action.

BOWLS
by John Bridgwater

Ifton bid to end season on a high

IFTON skipper Steve Robinson admits he is frustrated with the way his side's season has petered out – adding that he cannot put his finger on the second half malaise.

The side have won just once in their last nine outings and that run was extended after a disappointing 9-5 defeat to struggling Bylet last week.

With just three games to go Robinson is eager to make the most of back-to-back home games, beginning with Friday night's clash with St Georges.

"It would be nice to get a couple of wins before the end of the season just to finish on a high note," said Robinson.

"I can't put my finger on what has gone wrong over the past couple of months. We're not doing anything differently but we're just struggling to win matches."

While Ifton can still finish as high as sixth the chances of ending the campaign in the top half of the table now appear slim.

So for Robinson it is all about trying to ensure they garner at least a couple of victories from their final trio of games.

But to do so they must improve on their showing at Bylet last time out where the skipper admitted disappointment with the five point return.

He said: "Most teams are going there and winning and to be honest it's a place where we should be winning as well."

Geraint Williams, Rocky Jones, Craig Griffiths, Graham Dulson and Robinson himself were the men who enjoyed victories, but personal glory counted for little with the skipper after the game.

He said: "We know we have the ability to go there and win games but it's just not happening for us at the moment."

Ifton host Sir John Bayley next week before ending the campaign with a trip to Wrockwardine Wood on Friday, September 21.

Dozen youngsters competing

The 12 entrants – back, from left, Rhys Griffiths, Kelly Richardson, Kurt Edwards, Dyfan Hughes, Andrew Armstrong and Courtney Metcalfe. Front, from left, Thomas Corley, Joseph Davies, Matthew Stevenson, Bradlee Singleton, Ryan Bond and Curtis Metcalfe.

Hughes takes final junior title

DYFAN HUGHES has marked his last year in the junior ranks by winning a trophy.

The Ceiriog Valley bowler won the Applewood Oswestry League's youth competition on his own green by coming out on top of 12 entries – despite losing his first game on the day.

Two round-robin groups, playing shortened games, produced a semi-final line-up that was Andrew Armstrong (Royston) against Matthew Stevenson (Johnstown) and Hughes versus Ryan Bond (Johnstown).

The older boys in the under-18 event had the edge in both games and deservedly progressed to the final, meaning Andrew, who had beaten Hughes in their roundrobin clash, faced him again.

"But when it came to the final Hughes used his green knowledge to the full to run away with the game and pick up the trophy for what will be his last time," said league competitions chief Trevor Roberts.

Whittington title hopes are dented

WHITTINGTON E saw their Oswestry Bowls League division three title hopes take a huge dent after they were beaten 8-2 away at Flexsys B.

That allowed Johnstown C to move nine points clear with just one match to play after they won 8-2 at home to Chirk AAA B.

Ann Blake was afforded a walkover for Whittington while John Harrison was the only other winner.

Elsewhere, **LLANFYLLIN A** were beaten 8-2 at home to Ceiriog Valley B with Malcolm Gibbon and Gwyn Gwalchmai the only two winners.

Whittington C, cast adrift at the bottom, managed three points at home to Llangollen B with Phil Jones (21-10) taking the sweep.

WESTON RHYN C secured a 7-3 victory over Royston A with Gerry Owen the pick of the bunch thanks to a 21-3 success.

Rivals raise game in battle to win the title

CHURCH C are within touching distance of the Oswestry Bowls League division four title – but still cannot shake off closest challengers **CRIFTINS C,** ***writes ALEX JAMES.***

The Oswestry side could have secured top spot this week if they picked up four more points than Criftins. But despite securing a 10-0 home win over bottom of the table Overton, Church's title rivals matched them with a 10-0 victory of their own against **WESTON RHYN B.**

The results mean that Church need four points from their final match of the season to clinch top spot. They boasted three single figure winners last week with Antony Swannick claiming a 21-1 win while Criftins' best winner was Anthony Gilham (21-6).

At the bottom, **LLANRHAEADR B** kept their survival hopes alive despite only managing two wins away at Fox Lane through Gwylfa Edwards and Gwynfor Hughes. That narrowed the gap to Weston Rhyn to four points with one game left.

LLANRHAEADR C, who sit firmly in mi-table, suffered a disappointing 9-1 home reverse at the hands of Llangynog C with only Bill Peel emerging victorious.

CHURCH D, another side with nothing to play for, came close to an away win at Corwen B but eventually had to settle for four points after losing the aggregate 158-145. Jim Drury (21-15) was the visitors' best winner.

Elsewhere, **ELLESMERE B** are four points behind Criftins C in third place after their 8-2 win over **LLANYMYNECH B.**

The hosts won seven of the first eight games including two single figure victories courtesy of Glyn Davies and Mary Hotham. Thomas Pugh and Simon Morgan replied for the visitors with wins at the front and back.

YE OLDE CROFTE B enjoyed a 10-0 win over **LLANRHAEADR D** in division five to move into the top five of the table. Llanrhaeadr, relegated this term, lost the aggregate by 64 as Bert Burton took the coppers with a 21-6 win.

Elsewhere, **ELLESMERE A** continued their relentless form recording a 21st consecutive win with an 9-2 away victory at Plas Kynaston B. Tony Johnson and Dennis Jones secured 21-5 wins at the end for the champions.

WESTON RHYN D managed just two winners in a home loss to Royston B with Patricia Evans and Tom Owen securing points as they lost the aggregate 147-131.

Margaret Davies was the sole winner for **WHITTINGTON D** as they crashed 9-1 away at Chirk AAA C, losing the aggregate 160-95.

LLANRHAEADR E may have only claimed three winners at home to **LLANFYLLIN B** but retain hope of avoiding last place heading into the final week of the season.

Tom Roberts took the sweep for the home side while Hugh Jones was the best away winner as Llanfyllin secured a 152-145 aggregate win. But the result was enough for Llanrhaeadr to leapfrog Llangynog B on points difference.

That was because **WESTON RHYN E** emerged from the new basement boys with a 6-4 win, clinched by edging a one-point aggregate win due in the main to a walkover given to Christine Duncalf.

PLACINGS

Whitchurch Bowls League

Division one: Ellesmere A 222, Malpas Spts A 194; Wem USC A 241, Pr Brockhurst A 178; Chester Rd A 212, Woore A 190; Prees A 237, AWC A 199; Wem A 240, Harriers 187; Bridgewater A 223, Adderley A 212; District A 231, Hanmer A 198.

Division two: Ifton 186, Chester Rd B 200; Ash A 212, Malpas A 216; Hodnet A 233, Audlem A 151; Hadnall A 243, Nant Pk Rd A 170; Childs Ercall 232, Wem Albion A 193; Wrenbury A 216, Con Club A 202; Calverhall A 212, Wem B 229.

Division three: Malpas Spts B 228, Cholmondeley A 203; Whixall A 214, District B 210; Hanmer B 224, Ellesmere D 202; AWC B 247, Prees B 162; Audlem B 239, AWC C 172; Chester Rd Ld A 205, Malpas Fmrs A 230; Malpas B 207, Moreton Saye 233.

Division four: Adderley B 218, Corbet A 192; Tilstock A 248, Wem USC B 178; Nant Pk Rd B 227, Wrenbury B 193; Con Club B 197, Chester Rd C 216; Malpas Fmrs B 213, Audlem C 199; Victoria A 229, Edgmond 174; Woore B 230, AWC E 179.

Division five: Hanmer D 228, Newport 181; Cheswardine A 248, Cholmondeley B 165; Wem C 222, Whixall B 190; AWC D 226, District D 162; District C 227, Hodnet B 180; Bridgewater C 223, N in Hales B 166; N in Hales A 241, Chester Rd Ld B 162.

Division six: Wollerton 226, Whixall C 158; Malpas C 206, Barony Park 211; Ash B 235, Tilstock B 189; Wrenbury D 233, Ellesmere B 193; Calverhall B 204, Prees C 196; Nant Pk Rd C 228, Hadnall B 186; Wem Albion B 181, Wrenbury C 214.

Division seven: Victoria B 203, Ash C 208; Chester Rd D 205, Calverhall C 157; Ellesmere C 221, Hanmer C 176; Prees D 201, Malpas Fmrs C 213; Audlem D 183, Chester Rd Ld C 191; Tilstock C 180, Adderley C 231.

Division eight: Whixall D 231, Ercall Magna 180; Chester Rd Ld D 144, Cheswardine B 218; Prees E 204, Nant Pk Rd D 213.

DIVISION 1

	P	W	Pts
Bridgewater A	264	180	5008
Chester Rd A	264	168	4803
Hanmer A	264	151	4797
District A	264	141	4724
Wem USC A	264	148	4712
Malpas Spts A	264	136	4616
Adderley A	264	130	4534
AWC A	264	131	4533
Wem A	264	118	4487
Prees A	264	123	4458
Harriers	264	116	4410
Woore A	264	123	4320
Pr Brockhurst A	264	93	4159
Ellesmere A	264	90	4014

DIVISION 2

	P	W	Pts
Hodnet A	264	159	4749
Chester Rd B	264	144	4733
Wrenbury A	264	142	4713
Con Club A	264	133	4588
Malpas A	264	127	4576
Calverhall A	264	115	4504
Childs Ercall	264	132	4501
Hadnall A	264	138	4494
Wem B	264	119	4475
Audlem A	264	125	4446
Ifton	252	151	4424
Wem Albion A	264	118	4393
Ash A	264	122	4356
Nant Pk Rd A	252	111	4286

DIVISION 3

	P	W	Pts
District B	264	167	4952
AWC B	264	168	4904
Malpas Fmrs A	264	155	4829
Whixall A	264	140	4663
Hanmer B	264	135	4635
Moreton Saye	264	146	4607
Chester Rd Ld A	264	139	4574
Prees B	264	140	4563
Ellesmere D	264	129	4493
Audlem B	264	110	4470
Cholmondeley A	264	121	4429
Malpas Spts B	264	103	4287
AWC C	264	103	4182
Malpas B	264	92	4175

DIVISION 4

	P	W	Pts
Woore B	264	180	4896
Victoria A	264	156	4836
Chester Rd C	264	163	4787
Tilstock A	264	159	4650
AWC E	264	131	4564
Wrenbury B	264	142	4560
Con Club B	264	118	4479
Wem USC B	264	133	4463
Adderley B	264	124	4430
Nant Pk Rd B	264	113	4427
Malpas Fmrs B	264	117	4419
Corbet A	264	125	4399
Edgmond	264	118	4330
Audlem C	264	89	4128

DIVISION 5

	P	W	Pts
Whixall B	264	157	4783
N in Hales A	264	150	4724
Hanmer D	264	138	4666
District C	264	145	4665
Cheswardine A	264	150	4638
AWC D	264	141	4595
Newport	264	137	4580
Bridgewater C	264	142	4477
Hodnet B	264	131	4446
District D	264	108	4346
Wem C	264	123	4319
Cholmondeley B	264	102	4306
N in Hales B	264	119	4254
Chester Rd Ld B	264	105	4161

DIVISION 6

	P	W	Pts
Wrenbury C	264	174	4924
Prees C	264	166	4803
Ash B	264	155	4746
Barony Park	264	152	4720
Hadnall B	264	147	4593
Tilstock B	264	122	4483
Wrenbury D	264	122	4461
Wollerton	264	123	4426
Nant Pk Rd C	264	113	4342
Whixall C	264	126	4298
Wem Albion B	264	117	4269
Malpas C	264	114	4265
Calverhall B	264	109	4161
Ellesmere B	264	108	4150

DIVISION 7

	P	W	Pts
Hanmer C	240	156	4386
Ellesmere C	240	149	4360
Malpas Fmrs C	240	145	4335
Adderley C	240	131	4168
Chester Rd Ld C	240	126	4130
Tilstock C	240	117	4098
Prees D	240	115	4087
Victoria B	240	103	3935
Chester Rd D	240	111	3899
Calverhall C	240	108	3762
Ash C	240	92	3744
Audlem D	240	87	3546

DIVISION 8

	P	W	Pts
Prees E	228	142	4104
Ercall Magna	227	139	4016
Cheswardine B	211	121	3641
Whixall D	216	114	3566
Nant Pk Rd D	212	82	3206
Chester Rd Ld D	216	57	2972

SPORT

Morda are planning of fright for rivals

MORDA UNITED return to action this weekend aiming to improve their 100 per cent start to the Mercian League Premier Division and create a real 'fear factor' around the club.

Craig Rogers' men have won all three of their opening games prior to last weekend's free date and next play hosts to Oakengates Athletic on Saturday.

It is the first of three successive home fixtures in September and boss Rogers knows that a hat-trick of wins will put his side in an enviable position early on during the campaign.

He said: "If we come out of September with six wins from six games, then that is obviously great news.

"We have a chance to that with three home games but, on the other side of the coin, that will mean a lot of away games to play later on down the line.

"But I was very keen to get a good start and if we can create a fear factor around the club so teams and players don't want to come here, especially those who travel over from Telford, then it will help.

"We will continue to concentrate on what we are doing and then look to go from there."

Rogers is without full backs Steve Evans and Shin Miah while the game may come too soon for striker Gary Meredith, as the forward continues to recover from a knee injury.

Elsewhere, **WESTON RHYN** host Church Stretton looking to register a second win of a campaign.

Rhyn have had a mixed start to the season registering one win, one draw and one loss from their opening three fixtures.

Wilson just one of the boys after late strike

KYLE WILSON'S late goal enabled Oswestry Boys' Club to defeat Morda Reserves 3-2.

Morda were one up at the interval through captain Ryan Kenny.

Kyle Wilson equalised before Kenny put his side back in front.

Sixteen-year-old substitute Alex Clarke equalised before Wilson hit his second with a decisive late strike.

Interest was added to this fixture with Boys' Club Managers Matt Owen and Simon Prince and 10 of their starting line up having played for the hosts last season.

Morda, whose first-team had no fixture, resisted the temptation to bolster their side other than to give attacking midfielder Gareth Lewis some match practice.

Early on, Lewis went close with a header before skipper Kenny opened the scoring with a superb chip into the net just five minutes before the break.

Kyle Wilson equalised following a free kick on the right but, within five minutes, Morda were back ahead through Kenny, this time from a corner.

Almost immediately after coming on, substitute Alex Clarke equalised before Wilson claimed a late winner.

Morda Reserves travel to Ketley Town on Saturday.

Pool's young guns shoot down the visitors

WELSHPOOL TOWN had good reason to be cheerful after bagging their first win of the season in the Spar Mid Wales League Division One with a thumping 5-2 success over Tywyn Bryncrug at Maesydre.

The Lilywhites did it the hard way, trailing 1-0 at half-time, before roaring back in the second period with two goals apiece from James Langford and Sam Price, Mike Cockram also finding the net from the penalty spot.

Even more impressive was that the side included four 16-year-olds and manager Dave Jones said: "We were unlucky to go in 1-0 down at half time, but the second-half was the best we have played since I have been manager by a mile."

Jack Harris maintained his fine start to the season for **FOUR CROSSES** with a hat-trick, helping his side to a hard-fought 3-1 win at **DYFFRYN BANW.**

The striker has now netted 10 goals in four games, giving the visitors an early lead before Banw levelled matters before the break.

However, Four Crosses were not to be denied in the second period with Harris bagging two more, his second from the penalty spot, while the only downside was the dismissal of Paul Hughes.

Christian Webster was another to net a hat-trick as Berriew swept to a 6-1 win at Dolgellau, with Jackson Hassanyeh scoring twice and Craig Pearce the other, with Sion Williams responding.

LLANSANTFFRAID VILLAGE drew 3-3 at Bow Street, whose Matty Davies scored twice, while Carno were emphatic 5-0 victors at Builth Wells.

MONTGOMERY were boosted by a 3-1 home verdict against Newbridge with Gaz Bromley, Rhidian Morris and Tom Evans their marksmen on the day.

LLANIDLOES TOWN suffered their first defeat of the season as they went down 1-0 at newly promoted **ABERAERON** whose Ishmail Abberton settled the encounter late on with a deflected strike, while the Daffs also had skipper Jack Bermingham sent off.

A few days earlier, Llanidloes took their fourth straight win with a 5-2 home result over Bow Street.

Jamie Breese and Karl Seliearts both netted twice with Tom Goodwin getting the other.

BERRIEW were 2-0 winners at **WATERLOO ROVERS**, Christian Webster and Rob Pritchard on target, while Montgomery's home clash with Four Crosses was abandoned midway through the first-half, after home player Luke Tanner was taken to hospital with a serious fracture to his left leg.

A brace from Cody Smart helped **LLANFYLLIN** to a 3-3 home draw against Knighton Town in Division Two, Matt Evans also on the mark from the penalty spot.

The hosts had led twice, but Knighton, despite having their goalkeeper Jake Woodhouse sent off in the first half, earned parity with a late reply from Mark Jones while an own goal and Ady Jones were their other contributors.

ABERMULE went down 3-2 at home to Rhosgoch, **KERRY** were well beaten 4-0 by visiting **LLANDRINDOD WELLS.**

Stevens delighted as five-star show boosts hopes for season

IT WAS high fives all round as Llanrhaeadr landed their first Huws Gray Cymru Alliance win of the season with a 5-2 home romp against Holyhead Hotspur to give hope of brighter times ahead.

And the manner of the victory will put Dan Stevens' side in good heart for Saturday's big tussle at rivals Guilsfield where local pride as well as points will be at stake.

There is likely to be little to choose between the sides, but Llanrhaeadr boss Stevens – who has been heartened by what he has seen this season – will be hoping the visitors can add to their four points from as many games.

"Considering we only had 13 players last Saturday, it was a fantastic result for us," he said. "Holyhead couldn't live with our tempo in the first half. It was a bit disappointing to concede two goals at the end as it is a long time since the club have kept a clean sheet, but the job was done long before then.

"I think we're going to be a match for most teams in the league at home. We've got four points out of a possible six, but we've now got to try to string some results together away from home.

"We've got three away games coming up, and we'll be looking to get something out of the Guilsfield game. I think if we can average a point a game that would be enough to keep us up."

Rob Fox is still missing, while Dan Kelly may return and Chris Stevens is still waiting on international clearance.

Llanrhaeadr made a flying start against Holyhead last weekend, with the villagers racing into a four-goal lead at the break to effectively settle the outcome.

Spree

Experienced campaigner Emyr Roberts set the scene by opening the scoring after just two minutes before Josh Wood made it two midway through the half.

Kady Seabrook increased the margin on 28 minutes with a terrifically worked goal after collecting a through ball from Alun Jones. Dan Roberts added No.4 before the interval, and there was no way back once Joe Vaughan joined in the spree on the hour with a deflected effort.

With the outcome done and dusted, Holyhead gained some consolation through Mike Kelly (74) and Kenleigh Owen (85) but, despite conceding a couple of late goals, Llanrhaeadr can take plenty of satisfaction from their rousing display, particularly in the first period.

Guilsfield on a mission to bounce back

AFTER notching their first Cymru Alliance win of the season the previous week, Guilsfield returned from Llandudno empty handed after suffering a 3-2 loss in a scrappy, windswept affair.

The Guils had made the trip to the coast in good heart on the back of the previous week's 2-1 home success over Conwy Borough, but they found themselves grounded by the seasiders.

"It was disappointing, the pitch was poor and there was a strong wind. There was not a lot of football played," admitted manager Russell Cadwallader. "We did not adapt to the conditions. It was frustrating as it was a game we could have picked up points from, but we are so inconsistent.

"We're now back at home to Llanrhaeadr on Saturday. We've got a good home record so hopefully we can bounce back, but it won't be easy as they had a good result last week."

The Guils, who have four points from four games, are again forced to chop and change with keeper Dave Littleford missing, but John Harris and newcomer Sean McCartney both return.

In a game of little quality last Saturday, Lee Thomas gave Llandudno a 1-0 lead at half time when converting a cross from the right.

The visitors struggled to create many opportunities, but had hope of turning the game around in the second period only for two goals from Joe Morgan inside five minutes to leave them with a mountain to climb First, Morgan forced into the net following a weak punch from keeper Littleford who appeared to be fouled, and added a second with a good strike.

Guilsfield stuck to their task and were rewarded for some direct play, with James Henderson giving them a glimmer of hope with a 68th minute reply when heading from Chris Catterall's long throw.

A scrambled second from Tom Littler reduced the arrears in injury time, while the forward was denied a leveller by a fine save in the closing moments.

Extra-time brings a replay

GOALS from Dan Beddows, Lester Alderson and Justin Worthington ensured their progression but Ellesmere Rangers will have to go to an FA Vase replay after drawing 2-2 at Continental Star on Saturday.

Mike O'Reilly opened the scoring for Rangers 14 minutes in but Aaron Garvey levelled on the hour.

Both sides had chances to force a winner but in the end the tie went to extra time.

Six minutes in Jamie Price put Ellesmere back in front again only for the home side to respon again with Shane Paul scrambling home an equaliser eight minutes from time.

There were no penalties and instead the sides were due to replay the fixtuew at Beech Grove last night.

The clash gave Rangers a break from what has been a poor start to the league season, where they have picked up just two points from their opening seven matches.

They will be looking to improve on those fortunes when the host an Alvechurch side who have won just one of their matches this term on Saturday.

Elsewhere, **ST MARTINS** recorded an impressive 3-1 win over previous league leaders Wyrley.

Tim Allen, Ashley Jones and Thomas Jones were on target for a Saints side who had been humbled 10-1 by Penncroft the week before.

Saints are away at Stone Old Alleynians this weekend.

TNS hammer sorry Prestatyn

Not this time – The New Saints striker Greg Draper finds the net against Prestatyn on Friday night but his effort is chalked off for offside.

Fraughan running the show at The New Saints

The New Saints 4 Prestatyn 1

RYAN FRAUGHAN led Prestatyn a merry dance as the New Saints maintained their winning start to the Welsh Premier League with a third straight success.

The midfielder capped a fine night's work at Park Hall with two excellent goals as the former Stockport County man proved an influential figure throughout in a dominant display from the defending champions.

Head coach Carl Darlington said: "Ryan's a massive asset for us. He's an excellent player, is a joy to watch on the ball and has great vision, but everyone stepped up to the plate against Prestatyn.

"We knew they would pose a threat, particularly from set pieces, but I felt it was a comfortable win and we showed great hunger and desire.

"We kept the ball well, showed a lot of patience in the build-up and looked solid all over the pitch."

Despite bossing possession and carving a succession of openings, the Saints had just one goal to show for their efforts at half-time through Greg Draper's lob from just inside the box on nine minutes.

But it was Fraughan's quick-fire double early in the second half that effectively wrapped up the points to ensure a perfect start to the season for the Oswestry men in their pursuit of more silverware.

The second period was just two minutes old when the playmaker weaved his way into the box and left a couple of visiting defenders on the ground as he crashed his 15-yard shot past busy goalkeeper Jon Hill-Dunt.

And nine minutes later, Fraughan added a second in style when neatly turning the defence before drilling a low shot into the net to take his season's tally to three goals from as many outings.

Prestatyn, on the back foot for much of the night, gave themselves a glimmer of hope when former Swansea, Tranmere, Hull and Doncaster striker Jason Price produced an exquisite finish on 71 minutes, crashing an angled volley into the net from a Neil Gibson corner.

But midfielder Sam Finley sealed the home win in injury time when he broke into the box and latched onto a rebound, before lashing his shot into the top left corner.

The Saints had enough chances to have been further clear, Draper having a goal ruled out in the first half while Chris Seargeant saw his curling 20-yarder turned over the bar by a stunning one handed save from Hill-Dunt in the closing moments.

Fraughan had a number of fizzing efforts that flew past the post, while Chris Jones, Draper and Chris Marriott went close.

Keeper Paul Harrison picked up a dead leg midway through the first half, but the club skipper was rarely troubled as the visitors were snuffed out by some solid defence.

Fit-again striker Michael Wilde, back at the club after a couple of seasons with Chester City, appeared as substitute for the last 15 minutes, his return certain to increase competition for places.

PLACINGS

Huws Gray Alliance

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Rhyl	4	4	0	12	2	12
Cefn Druids	4	3	0	10	3	10
Penrhyncoch	4	3	0	11	5	10
Flint Town United	4	2	1	9	5	7
Ruthin Town	4	2	1	12	8	7
Conwy Borough	4	2	1	5	4	7
Penycae	4	2	2	11	9	6
Porthmadog	4	1	2	7	7	4
Llanrhaeadr	4	1	2	8	10	4
Caersws	4	1	2	2	5	4
Llandudno	4	1	2	6	10	4
Guilsfield	4	1	2	5	10	4
Rhayader Town	4	1	3	5	8	3
Holyhead Hotspur	4	1	3	7	11	3
Rhydymwyn	4	1	3	7	17	3
Buckley Town	4	0	2	2	5	2

Spar Mid Wales League

Division one: Aberaeron 1, Llanidloes 0; Bow Street 3, Llansantffraid Village 3; Builth Wells 0, Carno 5; Dolgellau 1, Berriew 6; Dyffryn Banw 1, Four Crosses 3; Montgomery 3, Newbridge-on-Wye 1; Welshpool 5, Tywyn Bryncrug 2.

Division two: Aberdyfi 1, Presteigne 5; Abermule 2, Rhosgoch 3; Bont 3, Talgarth 1; Hay St Marys 3, Machynlleth 3; Kerry 0, Llandrindod Wells 4; Llanfyllin 3, Knighton 3.

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Llanidloes	5	4	1	20	5	12
Four Crosses	4	4	0	14	2	12
Aberaeron	4	3	0	9	0	10
Berriew	4	3	0	10	2	10
Tywyn/Bryncrug	3	2	1	10	6	6
Waterloo	4	2	2	10	12	6
Builth Wells	4	2	2	8	14	6
Montgomery	3	1	0	4	2	5
Llansantffraid	4	1	1	12	11	5
Bow Street	5	1	2	9	12	5
Newbridge	3	1	2	7	7	3
Carno	5	1	4	8	11	3
Welshpool	4	1	3	8	13	3
Dolgellau	5	1	4	6	22	3
Aber Uni	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dyffryn Banw	5	0	5	3	19	0

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Hay St Marys	3	2	0	12	7	7
Llandrindod Wells	2	2	0	8	0	6
Llanfair Utd	2	2	0	6	1	6
Presteigne	2	1	0	10	6	4
Rhosgoch	3	1	1	8	9	4
Aberdyfi	3	1	1	9	12	4
Bont	2	1	1	8	7	3
Kerry	2	1	1	4	4	3
Knighton	1	0	0	3	3	1
Talgarth	3	0	2	5	8	1
Machynlleth	2	0	1	3	7	1
Llanfyllin	2	0	1	3	7	1
Abermule	3	0	3	5	13	0

Mercian Regional Football League

Premier division: Church Stretton 4, Wellington amateurs Reserves 2; FC Hodnet 1, AFC Ludlow 1; Ketley Bank Utd 1, Allscott FC 2; Oakengates Athletic 1, Telford Juniors 2; Shifnal Utd '97 3, Whitchurch Alport 1.

Division one: Bishops Castle Town 5, Meole Brace 1; Clee Hill 1, Wroxeter Rovers 4; Ketley Town 5, Oswestry Lions 1; Madeley Sports 5, Hopesgate Utd 0; Morda Utd Reserves 2, Oswestry Boys Club 3; Rock Rovers 4, Brown Clee 2; Shawbury Utd Reserves 0, Wrockwardine Wood Juniors 5.

Division two: Denso 0, Market Drayton Tigers 4; Donnington Sports & Social 3, Edgmond Rangers 2; Madeley Sports Reserves 2, Albrighton Juniors 0; Oakengates Rangers 3, Childs Ercall 2; Randlay 2012 8, Highley Miners Welfare 0; Spalaig Britannia 2, Athletico Broseley 7; Wrockwardine Wood 5, AFC Wellington 6.

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
FC Hodnet	5	3	0	9	2	11
Telford Juniors	4	3	0	8	5	10
Morda United	3	3	0	9	2	9
Allscott	4	3	1	12	6	9
Church Stretton	5	3	2	10	10	9
AFC Ludlow	4	2	1	21	8	7
Oakengates Ath	4	2	1	9	5	7
Shifnal United 97	5	2	3	9	11	6
Weston Rhyn	3	1	1	3	3	4
Wellington Am Res	4	1	3	7	14	3
Whitchurch Alp Res	3	0	3	2	7	0
Dawley Town	2	0	2	0	6	0
Ellesmere Rang R	1	0	1	2	11	0
Ketley Bank Utd	5	0	5	2	13	0

DIVISION 1

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Madeley Sports	5	5	0	29	1	15
Ketley Town	4	3	1	20	8	9
Prees FC	3	3	0	14	6	9
Oswestry Lions	5	3	2	12	13	9
Rock Rovers FC	4	2	1	19	12	7
Bishops Castle T	3	2	1	8	5	6
Brown Clee	5	2	3	14	13	6
Oswestry Boys Clb	4	2	2	9	10	6
Clee Hill	3	1	1	9	11	4
Wroxeter Rovers	2	1	1	6	4	3
Morda Utd Res	3	1	2	5	9	3
Wrock Wood Jun	3	1	2	6	14	3
Shawbury Utd Res	5	1	4	6	19	3
Hopesgate United	3	0	3	5	18	0
Meole Brace	4	0	4	2	21	0

DIVISION 2

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Wellington	4	4	0	24	10	12
Athletico Broseley	4	4	0	20	6	12
Oakengates Rang	5	4	1	19	7	12
Market D'ton Tigers	4	4	0	12	3	12
Childs Ercall	4	3	1	27	6	9
Randlay 2012	4	3	1	18	5	9
Edgmond Rangers	4	2	2	18	6	6
Donnington SS	4	2	2	11	7	6
Highley Miners Wlfr	4	2	2	9	17	6
Wrock Wood	3	1	2	10	9	3
Claverley	4	1	3	9	12	3
Impact	4	1	3	10	15	3
Madeley Sprts Res	4	1	3	6	17	3
Albrighton Juniors	2	0	2	0	8	0
Denso	5	0	5	3	33	0
Spalaig Britannia	5	0	5	4	39	0

West Midlands League

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Mahal	5	4	1	0	14	13
Wem Tn	5	4	0	1	7	12
Wyrley	4	3	0	1	5	12
Bilston Tn (2007)	4	3	1	0	4	10
AFC Smethwick	4	3	0	1	13	9
Hanwood Utd	4	3	0	1	4	9
Trysull	5	2	2	1	3	8
Stone Old Alleyn	4	2	1	1	0	7
St Martins	4	2	1	1	-5	7
Haughmond	5	2	0	3	3	6
Bridgnorth Res	5	2	0	3	2	6
AFC Wombourne	3	2	0	1	2	6
Penncroft	4	1	1	2	5	4
WTon Utd	5	1	0	4	-14	3
Shenstone Pathf	4	0	2	2	-4	2
Leominster Tn	4	0	1	3	-11	1
Warstone Wndrs	3	0	0	3	-10	0
Blackheath Tn	5	0	0	5	-18	0

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Dudley	5	3	1	1	9	10
Gornal Ath Res	4	3	1	0	7	10
Bartestree	3	3	0	1	-1	10
Newport Tn	4	3	0	1	7	9
Red Star Alma	4	3	0	1	2	9
Riverway	5	2	2	1	5	8
Mahal Res	4	2	1	1	14	7
Sikh Hunters	3	2	0	1	1	6
Ledbury Tn	5	1	3	1	0	6
WTon Sporting Res	5	2	0	3	-10	6
Penkridge Tn	3	1	1	1	7	4
Wrens Nest	4	1	1	2	-3	4
Tenbury Utd	5	1	1	3	-8	4
Hereford Lads	2	0	2	0	0	2
Malvern Rngrs	4	0	1	3	-4	1
Ettingshall Pk Fm	4	0	1	3	-6	1
Malvern Tn Res	4	0	0	4	-20	0

SPORT

FIXTURES

SATURDAY
Shropshire County League

Premier division (12pm): Albrighton v Newport (T Lucas, G Smith), Bomere Heath v Quatt (M Bishop, C Parry), Much Wenlock v Ludlow (R Hesketh, P Smith), Shelton v Reman Services (D Brearley, D Owen), St Georges v Wem (C Ephraim, M Moreton), Wroxeter v Worfield (G Picknell, P Wardle).

Division one: Broseley v Knockin & Kinnerley, Cound v Newtown, Forton v Welshpool, Frankton v Alberbury, Madeley v Allscott, Market Drayton v Montgomery,

Division two: Bishop's Castle v Acton Reynald, Iscoyd & Fenns Bank v Llanidloes, Lilleshall v Ellesmere, Pontesbury v Tibberton, Wellington III v Condover, Willey v Corvedale,

Division three: Beacon v Chelmarsh, Church Stretton v Whittington, Grove v Cae Glas, Shifnal III v Oswestry III, Trysull & Seisdon v St Georges III, Wheaton Aston v Oswestry III.

Division four: Bridgnorth III v Harcourt, Calverhall I v Overton on Dee, Church Aston v Guilsfield, Whitchurch III v Hinstock.

Division five: Hales v Prees, Lilleshall III v Knockin & Kinnerley III, Worfield III v Quayside.

Division six: Allscott III v Iscoyd & Fenns Bank II, Ellesmere II v Ludlow IV, Oswestry III v Alberbury III, St Georges IV v Reman Services III, Whittington II v Llanidloes II.

Reserve division one: Ludlow II v Lilleshall II, Newport II v Madeley II, Quatt II v Cound II, Reman Services II v Frankton II, Wem II v St. Georges II, Worfield II v Wroxeter II.

Reserve division two: Allscott II v Albrighton II, Alberbury II v Shelton II, Knockin & Kinnerley II v Wellington IV, Montgomery II v Pontesbury II, Newtown II v Bomere Heath II, Welshpool II v Much Wenlock II.

Reserve Division three: Acton Reynald II v Bishop's Castle II, Beacon II v Forton II, Cae Glas II v Shifnal IV, Condover II v Broseley II, Corvedale II v Willey II, Tibberton II v Market Drayton II.

SUNDAY

Division four: Frankton III v Newport III, Wem III v Hodnet.

Division five: Bomere III v Ludlow III, Welshpool III v Harpers.

Division six: Madeley III v Pontesbury III, Shifnal V v Grove II, Wellington V v Calverhall II, Whitchurch IV v Quatt III.

FISHING RESULTS

WESTON POOLS

Tuesday open: 17 Anglers Allan Jones winning with 98-4 is regularly in the frame. It is the third time for him to frame on this pool.

1 Allan Jones (Weston) 98-4 Peg 6 Stretton, Short pole Maggot/Pellet, Carp & Tench, 2 Andy Amos (Chester Airbus) 82-00 Peg 27 Belvidere, Corn/Pellet margins, |Carp, Barbel & Tench, 3 Ian Ward(Fronssoa Baits) 80-12 Peg 3 Wilfred Owen, Long pole, Pellet, Tench/Carp.

Wednesday: 33 anglers, close competition between the two Telford anglers who are fishing on form, Ivan just ahead but Mel is doing very well with big weights.

1 Ivan Capsey (Weston) 100-08 Peg 16 Weir Pool (New Pool) Pole, Pellet, Carp to 4lb Tench, 2 Mel Kitson (Telford Rod & Gun) 94-4 Peg 14 Weir Pool, margins corn & pellet, Carp & Tench, 3 Nick East (Weston) 77-10 Peg 18 Weir Pool, Short Pole, corn & pellet, Carp & Tench.

Over 55s: Ivan Capsey, Rod & Gun won the first two matches on the new pool named, The Weir Pool which is very well stocked as you will see by the first results.

1 Ivan Capsey (Weston) 77-03 Peg 18 The Weir, short pole, pellet, Carp, 2 Paul Newton (Weston) 73-11 Peg 17, short pole, pellet & corn, 3 Arther Wood (Weston) 73-09 Peg 31 Stretton, Barbel & Carp

Saturday: With such a selection of fish all method & bait are tending to work. Stewart Davies caught on method feeder alternating corn pellet & maggot to win with 91-00.

1 Stuart Davies (Tackle Locker) 91-00 Peg 18 The Weir, method feeder, corn & maggot, 2 Steve Wynn (Weston) 74-14 Peg 3 The Weir Pole, pellet, Carp & Tench, 3 Mike Philbin (Weston) 72-08 Peg 1 The Weir, pole up in water, Carp.

Sunday result: 1 Neil Faulkner (Tackle Locker) 111-04 Peg 19 The Weir, Pole, 2 Kevin Erlam (Weston) 93-14 Peg 16 The Weir, Pole, 3 Robbie Griffiths (Weston) 92-08 Peg 13 Canal. Pole.

Opening rugger fixture called off

WELSHPOOL'S rugby players suffered a frustrating opening day as their first fixture in the Welsh League Division Three North was called off after scheduled visitors Bangor were unable to raise a side.

The Maes-y-dre side were told the day before that Bangor could only field 12 players, so the match will now be played later in the season.

They now head to Porthmadog on Saturday, looking for improved fortunes on their travels this term as they bid to consolidate in the top half of the table. Port lost their opening encounter 31-21 at Flint.

COBRA also had no action in Division Two North after their home meeting against Llangollen was called off the week before.

After a disjointed pre-season, the Meifod men hit the road to Machynlleth on Saturday aiming for a winning start as they bid for another promotion push this time around.

Mach suffered a 60-5 mauling at Denbigh in their opening game last Saturday, but Cobra coach James Watkin is, nevertheless, expecting a tough encounter.

He said: "I'm not holding too much sway on that result as they never do well away, but they are a different proposition at home, where I think they only lost once last season."

The Llanfair Caereinon side, after a couple of rigorous training sessions this week, are waiting on a few knocks.

Losing start to campaign

Moore 30 Oswestry 21

RUGBY by John Bridgwater

NEW-LOOK Oswestry made a losing start to their campaign in the South Lancs Cheshire 2 after suffering a 30-21 reverse at Moore – but could take plenty of positives from their display.

With changes over the summer in both coaching and players, together with a very positive pre-season, the Eagles took the field in confident mood against a Moore outfit that also looked completely different to the side from last season.

The game also doubled up as a Cheshire Bowl fixture.

In an even opening, Andy Howell kicked Oswestry in front with a penalty but Moore hit back with converted tries from their fly-half and full-back who cut through the defence to open up the early advantage.

Andy Merrett was introduced to block up the gaping holes in defence and Oswestry settled down with Howell kicking two more penalties, before Moore also converted a penalty for a 17-9 interval lead.

Oswestry started the second half with plenty of pressure close to the home line and it was soon rewarded when No.8 Thomas Thorpe crashed over from a five-metre scrum, Howell converting.

Moore replied with a penalty, but Oswestry continued to apply pressure with Chris Blyth scoring an unconverted try to give his side a 21-20 lead with 10 minutes to go.

However, fatigue started to creep in to the Oswestry side and, after a couple of basic mistakes and the failure to ground the ball over the try line, they were made to pay.

Moore hit back with a converted try and a late penalty to grasp victory in the dying minutes of the game.

"Overall this was a cracking game of rugby played by both sides willing to throw the ball around and keep it alive," said Eagles spokesman Steve Charmley.

"It was a good effort by the new-look Oswestry side and things will get a lot better."

Oswestry are at home to Marple on Saturday, eager to register their first win of the campaign against a side who finished way down the standings last season.

The Eagles came close to making an immediate return to division one last time around and will be aiming to enjoy another productive season this year.

Fynn's efforts prove in vain as league leaders are left beaten

WARRICK FYNN'S battling 84 wasn't enough to save Oswestry from a 48-run defeat against bottom-of-the-table Coleshill at Morda Road on Saturday – a result which has dented the side's hopes of the Division Three championship in the Birmingham League.

After Coleshill has been bowled out for 200, Fynn batted right through the Oswestry innings and was last man out with the score on 152. Of the other batsmen, only Clint Brockman (20) and Paul Phillips (15) reached double figures.

Earlier, Jonathan Miles had been the most successful Oswestry bowler with 3-50, while there were two wickets each for Brockman, Fynn and skipper Mark Robinson.

Coleshill had been in trouble at 75-5, but were rescued by a sixth-wicket stand of 74 between Phil Trilloe (85) and Pete Magafas (44).

The demoralising defeat still leaves Oswestry four points clear at the top of the table.

They are 16 points ahead of third place, with two matches to go. Oswestry seconds gained only their second win of the season when they beat Water Orton by seven wickets.

Spinner Josh Coleridge (4-54) and Jonathan Davies (3-37) bowled well as Water Orton totalled 196-9 in their 50 overs.

Peter Holloway (84) and Darron Humphreys (65) led the Oswestry reply, and despite a middle-order collapse they reached their target at 197-7 in the last over.

Oswestry thrds paid the penalty for a reckless batting display against Trysull and Seisdon at Morda Road on Sunday.

Oswestry were bowled out for 182 in just 30 of their allotted 45 overs, leaving Trysull 60 overs to bat.

Chris Wiseman (63), Jack Harris (30) and James Wigley (29) scored the bulk of the Oswestry runs.

But an unbeaten 100 by Stuart Bennett steered Trysull to 183-4.

A hat-trick by youngster Dominic Kular was the highlight of Oswestry fourths' nine-wicket success at Calverhall Seconds.

Kular took 4-15, Allan Morris 3-29 and Jim Phillips 2-20 as Calverhall were bowled out for 110.

Matthew Dyke then smashed 75no, including seven sixes, as Oswestry coasted to 112-1 in reply.

CRICKET by Alex James

Welshpool win will boost title chances

WELSHPOOL II maintained their bid to become league champions with an emphatic win against Allscott.

Batting first, Allscott were restricted to 153-8 in their 45 overs due to good bowling by Damon Preston (4-36), Rob Anderson (3-13), Tom Anderson (1-30) and Joe Monk (1-13) whilst for Allscott the only batsmen to prove a challenge was Tim Clare with a belligerent score of 71.

The Welshpool reply was impressive and the runs were knocked off without losing a wicket, Nick Davies on 72 not out and Dave Whitehouse on 51 not out.

This result ensures there will be an exciting end of the season with two games to play and three teams in the running for the title – Wellington IV, Alberbury II and Welshpool themselves.

Elsewhere in that division, Montgomery II were skittled out for just 88 in their clash with Shelton II chasing 163 for victory.

Monty never really looked like closing down that target and in the end only Tom Wilkinson offered any resistance with a dogged 20.

It was better news for Knockin & Kinnerley who enjoyed a five wicket win over Pontesbury II in their battle for survival.

Marcus Williams took 5-25 as Pontesbury were dismissed for just 84.

Knockin did not make easy work of chasing down a very achievable score but in the end Andy Beckett's 34 not out proved enough to see them over the line.

Clint Brockman comes in to bowl for Oswestry in their defeat to Coleshill on Saturday

Allscott are champions of league after Welshpool win

LEAGUE champions Allscott, proved too strong for Welshpool 1st XI.

Batting first, Allscott posted a respectable 208-9 in their 50 overs despite losing early wickets and tight bowling by Welshpool's opening bowlers, Sam Birch and Rupert Shingler.

The leading run maker for Allscott was number five batsman, Sean Parkes, who was caught on 67, well supported by Jason Allen (39), Ian Middleton (29) and Chris Starling (29).

For Welshpool, Sam Birch took 2-33, Rupert Shingler 3-62 and Mat McWhinnie 2-60.

In reply, Welshpool's batting was fragile and the wickets fell cheaply, due mainly to some indifferent stroke play.

Only two of the Welshpool batsmen reached double figures, Rob Birch on 39 and Rupert Shingler on 15, the main nemesis being Daniel Brentnall, who took 5-26.

Saturday's match ended on an exceptional run-out that epitomised Allscott's desire to win.

Chasing a ball destined for a four Chris Starling managed to stop it just inches from the boundary. His momentum saw him crash into a surrounding fence but he recovered to send in an arrow-like throw over the stumps to run out Rupert Redway by inches.

By that time Welshpool had only reached 108 and the win secured the points to ensure Allscott will be the League Champions for 2012 to return to the premier division.

Cae Glas take emphatic victory

ANOTHER outstanding all-round performance by Ruch Nimantha earned Cae Glas a comfortable eight-wicket victory over Shrewsbury's third-team on Saturday.

After losing the toss, the Glas never allowed the visitors to get a grip on the game with a determined bowling performance. John Clarke picked up a neat caught-and-bowled on his birthday while, at the other end, Tim Turner delivered 12 exemplary overs to return impressive figures of 2-25.

But it was Nimantha who took the starring role. Coming on first change, he picked up two quick wickets and then ripped through the tail to claim 6-29 off just nine overs, as Shrewsbury were dismissed for 102 in the 36th over.

In reply, Ben Hipkiss and Andy Griffiths put on 38 before Nimantha came out to join Hipkiss and their unbroken stand of 57 eased their side home with some comfort.

Shrewsbury bowled better than they batted, but some indifferent communication between the batters looked like breaking a solid partnership. Both ended unbeaten, Hipkiss with a classy 56 and Nimantha a solid 26.

Seconds fail again with bat

CAE GLAS' second-team visited their Beacon counterparts at Frankwell in Shrewsbury and, not for the first time this season, failed to get a modest winning total.

They failed even to hold on to the points that come from a close losing draw.

Beacon batted first and finished on 138-7, Carle Quinton top-scoring with 34.

Most of the damage was done by the consistent Shaun Southern, who got 3-25, and there were two wickets each for Nick Chesters and captain Barry Vaughan.

In reply, requiring barely three runs an over to reach their target, the Glas got off to a solid start against some excellent home bowling and, at 59 for two, looked to be heading for victory.

However, the loss of Nick Chesters (34) was followed by wickets falling at regular intervals, as the middle order failed to establish partnerships of any note and, despite the efforts of Scott Vallely (20,) who valiantly held up one end as a succession of partners departed at the other.

With the home side's opening bowlers back on at the death, survival for an honourable draw became the order for the day, but sadly the tail were unable to hold firm leaving Cae Glas disappointingly all out for 125. Cae Glas took four points and Beacon 24.

PLACINGS

Shropshire County League

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	C	Pts
Quatt	20	10	1	2	7	282
Wem	20	8	4	4	4	269
St Georges	20	8	1	3	8	245
Newport	20	8	1	4	7	219
Wroxeter & Upp	20	7	2	6	5	212
Reman Services	20	4	6	3	7	202
Albrighton	20	6	2	7	5	199
Ludlow & South	20	5	4	6	5	197
Bomere Heath	20	5	0	6	9	188
Worfield	20	3	2	11	4	142
Shelton	20	2	3	10	5	130
Much Wenlock	20	2	2	6	10	114

DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	C	Pts
Allscott	20	12	2	2	4	321
Cound	20	9	3	4	4	270
Frankton	20	7	4	4	5	237
Newtown	20	6	3	5	6	222
Broseley	20	6	2	3	9	221
Madeley	20	6	1	5	8	221
Welshpool	20	6	3	5	6	212
Forton	20	4	1	8	7	181
Alberbury	20	4	3	6	7	179
Montgomery	20	4	4	8	4	163
Market Drayton	20	4	3	10	3	147
Knockin & Kinn	20	3	1	11	5	144

DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	C	Pts
Condover	20	11	3	1	5	329
Lilleshall	20	10	1	4	5	294
Pontesbury	20	9	2	5	4	292
Wellington III	20	9	1	4	6	260
Corvedale	20	8	0	6	6	235
Ellesmere	20	6	0	5	9	225
Bishops Castle	20	5	5	4	6	199
Tibberton	20	6	2	10	2	196
Iscoyd & Fenns Bk	20	3	5	4	8	170
Llanidloes	20	4	0	9	7	131
Willey	19	1	4	8	6	113
Acton Reynald	19	0	1	12	6	74

DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	C	Pts
Grove	20	10	5	4	1	311
Beacon	20	10	1	3	6	292
Whittington	20	5	5	5	4	252
Wheaton Aston	20	7	3	4	6	242
St Georges III	20	3	6	3	7	220
Cae Glas	20	4	6	2	7	215
Oswestry III	20	5	2	6	7	205
Shrewsbury III	20	4	4	5	7	192
Shifnal III	19	4	2	7	6	178
Chelmarsh	19	5	1	3	8	162
Church Stretton	20	2	4	7	6	130
Trysull & Seisdon	20	3	1	13	3	106

DIVISION 4

	P	W	D	L	C	Pts
Calverhall	20	10	2	0	8	307
Harcourt	20	5	6	2	6	248
Wem III	20	6	5	3	6	246
Church Aston	20	6	4	3	7	236
Overton-on-Dee	20	7	4	5	4	226
Guilsfield	20	5	0	3	11	202
Newport III	20	4	5	4	7	202
Whitchurch III	20	2	5	7	6	163
Hodnet & Peplow	20	2	6	5	7	159
Hinstock	20	2	4	7	6	142
Bridgnorth III	20	2	3	6	8	132
Frankton III	20	1	6	7	4	116

DIVISION 5

	P	W	D	L	C	Pts
Prees	19	10	3	0	5	295
Ludlow & SS III	18	9	2	5	2	264
Hales	18	7	2	5	4	220
Bomere Heath III	18	6	3	3	5	219
Harpers	18	5	1	7	4	198
Quayside	18	6	2	3	7	183
Worfield III	18	6	2	6	4	179
Knockin & Kinn III	18	3	4	8	3	159
Lilleshall III	18	4	4	5	4	156
Coton Hall	19	1	1	11	5	117
Welshpool III	18	1	2	5	7	82

DIVISION 6

	P	W	D	L	C	Pts
Wellington V	20	9	3	1	6	311
Oswestry IV	20	7	3	2	6	288
Madeley III	20	6	5	5	4	254
Iscoyd & Fenns B III	20	7	4	3	5	252
Ludlow & SS IV	20	5	5	3	6	244
Grove II	20	7	0	6	4	236
St Georges IV	20	7	2	4	7	230
Shifnal V	20	4	5	2	7	216
Ellesmere II	20	6	2	1	7	214
Reman Services III	20	4	7	4	4	191
Alberbury III	20	3	2	7	7	177
Pontesbury III	20	3	6	6	4	177
Whittington II	20	2	5	6	4	149
Allscott III	20	2	5	5	6	148
Calverhall II	20	3	1	5	7	136
Quatt III	20	2	7	3	6	119
Llanidloes II	20	0	1	5	7	105
Whitchurch IV	20	0	3	9	5	70

RESERVE DIVISION 1

	P	W	D	L	C	Pts
Newport II	20	12	1	1	6	322
Wem II	20	8	5	3	4	279
Quatt II	20	8	1	5	6	229
St Georges II	20	6	4	7	3	210
Ludlow & SS II	20	6	2	6	6	208
Cound II	20	6	2	6	6	204
Wroxeter & Upp II	20	5	4	4	7	201
Worfield II	20	5	3	7	5	192
Lilleshall II	19	4	4	4	7	156
Reman Services II	20	4	4	7	5	148
Madeley II	20	1	1	6	12	103
Frankton II	19	1	3	10	5	94

RESERVE DIVISION 2

	P	W	D	L	C	Pts
Wellington IV	19	11	0	4	4	288
Welshpool II	19	10	1	2	6	276
Alberbury II	18	8	3	2	5	242
Albrighton II	19	6	1	7	5	210
Montgomery II	20	6	1	6	7	198
Pontesbury II	20	7	0	8	5	194
Allscott II	20	3	4	8	5	178
Knockin & Kinn II	19	4	1	7	7	160
Newtown II	18	4	1	6	7	155
Bomere Heath II	20	4	1	4	11	153
Shelton II	19	3	2	6	8	152
Much Wenlock II	19	1	1	7	10	98

RESERVE DIVISION 3

	P	W	D	L	C	Pts
Condover II	20	10	4	1	4	320
Willey II	20	9	3	3	5	266
Forton II	20	5	4	3	6	254
Market Drayton III	20	8	1	6	5	228
Beacon II	19	6	4	3	6	226
Cae Glas II	20	4	4	4	7	203
Bishops Castle II	20	4	2	7	6	203
Tibberton II	20	5	3	5	3	183
Shifnal IV	20	3	4	6	3	181
Corvedale II	20	2	1	10	7	134
Acton Reynald II	20	3	4	6	5	125
Broseley II	19	1	1	7	7	7

Seconds get losing draw

WHITTINGTON II visited Whitchurch last Saturday and came away with a losing draw in a low scoring game.

Stand-in captain Martin Ellis won the toss and invited Whitchurch to bat.

Ellis was the best bowler with 2-21 off 10 overs as Whitchurch posted a reachable target of 135-5 off their 40 overs.

Whittington's top order collapsed and only opener Liam Penrose, with his first ever score of 50, showed any real resilience. Luke Sudlow batted well for 21 but Whittington were hanging on at 115-8 at the end, thanks to a dogged 12 not out by Ian Plant.

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Atherton comes close but misses second crown

Gee Atherton, left, winner Greg Minnaar and Stevie Smith who finished in third spot

OSWESTRY'S Gee Atherton came within a whisker of claiming a second mountain bike world championship title.

The Llangynog–based 27-year-old rider missed out on a second world crown after his previous success in 2008 by five tenths of a second, after going head-to-head with South African Greg Minnaar in Leogang in Austria.

Atherton flew out from the start house to become fastest at split one and went on to extend his advantage at the second check point, after attacking the lower woods.

His final time of 3 minutes and 22.37 seconds was enough to topple Canadian Stevie Smith but Atherton was forced to settle for silver, as Minnaar turned on the style.

Conditions changed radically throughout the weekend making race preparation difficult.

Gee's team-mate Marc Beaumont, from Craven Arms, rode a strong race but a stall in the lower woods cost him a top ten spot.

Beaumont had to settle for 14th, while Rachel Atherton struggled after missing Saturday's training session due to a back injury and finished fifth.

The trio now head to Norway for the World Cup finals on the weekend of September 15 and 16.

Gee Atherton on his way to a second place finish

Llanelli will be TNS rivals says boss

THE New Saints may have made a storming start to the season, but head coach Carl Darlington knows the early pacesetters can take nothing for granted in Saturday's home clash with a troubled Llanelli side.

A cloud has been hovering over the visiting Reds who had been due to answer a winding-up petition on behalf of HM Revenue and Customs in the High Court on Monday.

But the club have eased their fears by confirming they have paid any outstanding money to the taxman to avoid any threat of being wound up.

And Darlington admits Llanelli, despite their offield problems, are certain to prove one of the main threats for TNS in their defence of the league crown as they gear up for Saturday's tussle at Park Hall (2.30pm).

"We've had three wins out of three, it could not have been a better start, but we can't afford to rest on our laurels if we're going to keep the run going," he said.

"Llanelli may have had their problems off the pitch, but they are going to be one of our main rivals this season, they will be there or thereabouts."

The Saints go into the clash two points clear at the top after chalking up their third win with a convincing 4-1 home success over Prestatyn last Friday night, in which Ryan Fraughan scored twice.

Defender Phil Baker is set to return after missing last week with a calf injury, while new signing Jamie Lampkin, a 20-year-old winger formerly with Aston Villa, could be included in a couple of weeks as he recovers from injury.

Mike Wilde made an appearance as substitute against Prestatyn, while fellow forward Matty Williams is six weeks away from his return following his knee operation that kept him out much of last season.

Nicky Ward, who left the Saints by mutual consent last week, has now switched to Welsh Premier rivals Newtown.

Pool target progress in Welsh Cup

WELSHPOOL TOWN will be out to progress in the Welsh Cup when they host Spar Mid Wales League rivals Carno in the second qualifying round on Saturday after being buoyed by their first win of the season.

The Lilywhites can go into the clash in fine fettle after their thumping 5-2 win against Tywyn last Saturday.

They overturned a one goal interval deficit with two goals apiece from James Langford and Sam Prince, with Mike Cockram also finding the net. Even more impressive was that four 16-year-olds were in the side.

The second qualifying round of the Welsh Cup takes centre stage on Saturday, with Waterloo Rovers visiting Llangefni Town, while in-form Four Crosses are at Knighton Town.

Elsewhere, Berriew host Caernarfon Town, Montgomery entertain Chirk AAA and Llansantffraid Village welcome Bow Street.

Monty's T20 comes to finish

MONTGOMERYSHIRE'S T20 knock-out competition reaches its conclusion this weekend with finals day.

Montgomery are joined in the last four by Welshpool, Alberbury and host club Newtown for the two semi-finals and final, which takes place on Sunday from 10.30am.

The home side kick off the action against Monty in the opening semi-final before Welshpool play Alberbury – who defeated Llanidloes in a preliminary round to reach this stage. The final then follows on.

OSWESTRY TARGET PROMOTION PUSH

OSWESTRY Cricket Club captain Mike Robinson has admitted the season remains all about promotion – even though his side are four points clear at the top of the Birmingham League division three table heading into the final two weeks of the season.

The Morda Road men missed the chance to move closer to promotion when they lost to basement boys Coleshill last weekend but victory at another struggling side, Wednesbury, on Saturday will see them put one foot in division two.

by Alex James

Oswestry currently lead Aston Manor by four runs in the race for the title and have a 16-point buffer to Penkridge in third.

And even though two wins will bring the division three title back to Morda Road, Robinson admits he is desperate for the club just to achieve promotion having come tantalisingly close last season.

"It's all about promotion," said Robinson. "I would be chuffed if we finished second.

"Obviously we want to win the league and will be doing everything to get two wins from the last two, but our main aim is promotion."

A maximum haul this weekend would certainly help that ambition, but having lost to Coleshill last time out, Robinson is taking nothing for granted.

"Wednesbury is probably a harder game because they have more chance of staying up than Coleshill," he said.

"But we know that they can cause problems, especially on their own ground.

"I think we just have to write last week off as a bad day at the office.

Outplayed

"They were simply a better side than us on the day and deserved to win. We were outplayed."

Oswestry make one change to the side from last week's defeat with Pete Holloway replacing the unavailable Paul Phillips in the batting line-up.

Robinson added: "Pete dropped down to the seconds last week because he hasn't been scoring too many runs lately and promtly hit 82 so that has obviously done him good.

"With Paul unavailable it made sense to bring Pete back in to the side."

Oswestry conclude their campaign at home to a Tamworth side who have failed to pick up a single point from their last two matches.

That has dented their prospects of promotion but they can still catch Oswestry heading into the final two games of the season.

Robinson added: "Hopefully we can get over the line and seal promotion. We have worked hard all season for it."

For a full review of how all the Oswestry sides fared over the weekend see page 55.

Lions suffer away defeat

Oswestry Town Lions' promising start to life in Mercian League Division one took a hit with a 5-1 reverse at Ketley Town over the weekend. The result allowed Ketley to leapfrog Lions in the early-season table. Elsewhere, Oswestry Boys Club were 3-2 winners over Morda United Reserves who travel to Ketley Town this weekend. Boys Club now make the trip to play Bishops Castle Town on Saturday. Pictured, above, Oswestry Lions' Andy Jones tries in vain to block a Will McLeod cross for their third goal during last weekend's 5-1 success. *Picture: Steve Lowe*

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